

DFLP row resolved

NICOSIA (R) - The hardline faction of the divided Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP) said Friday it had solved a dispute on who should represent the group on the Palestine Liberation Organisa tion (PLO) Executive Committee. A statement faxed to Reuters from the mascus-based DFLP said an agreement was reached Thursday with the airman of the Executive Committee, Yesser Arafat, that the "DFLP is the legitimate front led by its secretary general Nayef Hawatmeh." The DFLP, which has 12 seats in the Palestine National Council (PNC), currently meeting in Algiers to decide whether or not to take part in a Middle East peace conference, broke into two independent groups earlier this month. Yasser Abed Rabbo, who represents the DFLP at the PLO Executive Committee, leads the Tunis-based moderate breakaway wing of the DFLP. The statement said it had also been agreed that Mr. Hawatm was the one who would name the DFLP representative to the PLO Executive Committee and that Mr. Abed Rabbo would join the executive committee as an independent. It said the agreement had been reached with the PLO Executive Committee in the presence of Mr. Arafat, Mr. Hawatmeh and several of his aides and a large number of PNC members.

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Bush releases aid to Jordan

WASHINGTON (R) - President George Bush, citing Jor-dan's recent help in the Middle East peace process, has told military aid to Amman that had been frozen by Congress. The U.S. Congress had frozen the aid last April because of Jordan's support for Iraq's invasion of Kuwait. Mr. Bush's decision, reflecting a gradual warming of relations between the two countries, follows the freeing of Jordan's economic aid in July. In a letter to Congress made public Friday, Mr. Bush said Jordan would now be eligible for \$20 million in arms sales financing and would be provided up to \$783,000 in military training. Fulfilling the requirements of the April legislation, Mr. Bush assured Congress that the aid would be beneficial to the Middle East peace process and was in the U.S. national interest. A memorandum justifying

the decision to obligate the aid funds said that since Mr. Bush released the economic aid in July, "Jordan has clarified its stance on the Middle East peace process in a very helpful

It said the Jordan government had stated categorically that it would attend an Arab-Israel peace conference arranged by the United States and had initiated discussions with Palestinians to form a joint delegation to the confer-

The statement said the admi nistration intended to monitor Jordan's policies closely, including its role in the peace United Nations resolutions on Iraq in making specific decisions on aid.

"Jordan has begun taking important steps to make the goal of a regional peace conference and direct talks between Jordan and Israel a reality, the statement said. "Jordan's continued cooperation will be a key to further progress."

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The statement said that U.S. military aid to Jordan "and especially the important message of support it sends" would contribute to Jordan's stability and security and help establish an atmosphere of trust.

Menem to promote Mideast peace

BUENOS AIRES (R) - Argentine President Carlos Menem leaves Sunday for official visits to Israel and Timisia during which he will seek to promote a peaceful solution to the conflict in the Middle East. "The president will stress (the need to) achieve a just and lasting peace in the Middle East ... which recognises the right of all the states in the region to live peacefully within secure and internationally accepted frontiers," a statement by the presidential spokesman said. Mr. Menem, who governs Latin America's biggest Jewish com-munity and is himself of Syrian descent, has frequently offered to mediate Mideast peace conflict.

Amra Hotel introduces CNN service

AMMAN — In line with its ongoing efforts to offer the best for its clients and businessmen, Amra Hotel has introduced the CNN channel in all its rooms and other facilities. CNN broadcasts news around the clock.

Amra Hotel is the first hotel in Jordan to introduce this service to international businessmen who are interested in following up on

world events. Commenting on the new service, Ali Bisha, the hotel's general manager said that introducing the CNN channel comes as a great step to ensure that the best

PNC seen heading towards accepting peace conference

Arafat praises Bush's statement, seeks clear 'yes' from PNC

Combined agency dispatches

ALGIERS — Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat has asked the Palestine National Council (PNC) to give a clear "yes" to the U.S.-sponsored peace conference even if Washington cannot meet all its original demands, delegates

One Palestinian official told Renters that already a majority favoured dropping a demand that the United States give the PLO a guarantee that Palestinians in the occupied territories would enjoy the right to self-determination.

The PLO would downgrade this to an "objective" which the Palestinians would take to the

heading towards flexibility on Palestinian representation at the talks, one of the main obstacles in U.S. efforts to bring Israelis and Arabs together.

Conference sources said the parliament would say only that the Palestinian delegates should be designated through the PLO.

The PLO has previously insisted that it must appoint and name delegates but Israel says it will not take part if the sponsors, Washington and Moscow, allow the PLO any role at all.

Bassam Abu Sharif, a political adviser to Mr. Arafat and promment moderate, said, "I can say the PLO will definitely find a proper formula to make it impossible for (Israeli Prime Minis-

The PNC, also appeared to be ter Yitzhak) Shamir to stop the peace process."

"This is an ongoing process. We cannot deal with every issue before we go into negotiations. Otherwise why should we go to the conference?" he told a news conference Friday.

Mr. Arafat praised U.S. President George Busfh Friday for a "courageous stand" in endorsing the concept of Palestine political

Earlier Friday, Mr. Arafat read out to his advisers a document drafted two years ago, the first "republican decree" he issued as president of the state of Pales-

The public reminder of who controls the drive for a homeland appeared intended to quell growing discontent over compromises the movement's leaders are reported to have accepted to enable

convening the peace conference.

Mr. Abu Sharif told reporters that the PLO Executive Committee was dealing with the composi-tion of a Palestinian delegation to the talks, but that nothing had been decided yet.

Asked if designating the team meant the PLO would publicly announce it, possibly breaking an Israeli condition that the PLO not participate in the talks, Mr. Abu Sharif said, "that is a different

thing."
Mr. Abu Sharif urged the Israeli government to stop building Jewish settlements in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, calling it a "very important

preparatory step to building con-

"Mr. Shamir is trying to put obstacles to direct attention from the essential point, which is ending occupation," Mr. Abu Shar-

But the PLO will definitely find the proper formula to make it impossible for Mr. Shamir to prevent Palestinians from attending the peace conference." he ed. "I don't see an obstacle big enough to prevent Palestinians from participating."
In his speech, Mr. Arafat

praised Mr. Bush for comments relayed through Morocco's King Hassan II that appeared to be a significant change in previous

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Baghdad impasse continues despite signs of compromise

BAGHDAD (Agencies) — A team of U.N. weapons inspectors bedded down on buses for a fourth night of confinement in a Baghdad parking lot on Friday as darkness fell on the capital.

Despite a Security Council agreement late Thursday to an Iraqi proposal that raised hopes of an early end to their ordeal. the day passed in limbo with no movement on the ground.

Team leader David Kay said Iraqi officials, who have the team penned in with security officers and a roadblock across the only ad expre lack of knowledge" of what had been agreed in New York Thursday evening.
The 44-member group has

been trapped in the rear yard of a Baglidad office building since Tuesday morning when it seized what it says are key documents on Iraq's clandestine nuclear

The Iraqi proposal accepted by the Security Council said the team would be freed once a joint inventory of all the documents and videotapes made of the group's surprise search had been completed and signed.

But no effort was made on Friday to carry out the inventory. U.N. colleagues ferried in supplies and water to the group during the day from the team's

nearby hotel. One U.N. official pointed out that Friday was the weekly day of rest, when the generally slowmoving bureaucracy did not usually stir at all.

"I wouldn't expect them to come out tonight," he added. The multi-national group in-

cludes one woman. The dispute has put in doubt the arrival of a ballistic missile inspection team, due in Baghdad

Under the terms of the Gulf war ceasefire, Iraq must declare and destroy all its weapons of mass destruction — nuclear, biological, chemical and ballistic. Iraq and the U.N. are also at

WASHINGTON (R) — President George Bush in a major

arms speech on Friday night was

to call for further deep cuts in U.S. and Soviet nuclear arsenals

and would drop plans to put 10-warhead MX missiles on rail

cars, administration officials said.

ters he would announce changes

in U.S. defence strategy with

"major worldwide implications

for world peace" in a nationally

televised talk from the White

House Oval Office at 8 p.m. EDT

Administration officials, who

asked not to be identified, said

Mr. Bush was to drop U.S. plans

to mount up to 50 MX intercon-

tinental missiles on rail carriages

in the United States and was

expected to call on the Soviet.

Union to take its own multi-

(midnight GMT).

Mr. Bush himself told repor-

own helicopters by the ballistic Council said it "deplores Iraq's missile teams, who have already aborted one mission to inspect launch sites in the west of the country from where Scud missiles where fired at Israel and Saudi Arabia during the Gulf war.

In New York, British Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd said on Friday Iraq was risking further conflict by not complying with Security Council resolutions to cooperate with the weapons in-

The 45-member group which team of inspectors vet sent to Iraq. One man did not go on Tuesday's early morning mission to a records office opposite the group's hotel because of sickness. The leader of the 21-member ballistic missile team due this Sunday said on Friday in Bahrain, field headquarters for

the weapon inspection missions: "We may postpone our depar-A visit by a 70-member chemic al weapon inspection team is also scheduled for early October to make an exhaustive inspection of the Muthanna site near Baghdad

where chemical weapon destructions are planned. A previous inspection team described the Muthanna facility as a

chemical dustbin." Mr. Hurd, speaking in New York with British radio, said Iraq may be delaying the release for a day or two, but he added that Iraq risks conflict if it does not

If Iraq "were to dig in and take action against U.N. teams and refuse to comply, (it) knows very well that (it) will be made to comply," Mr. Hurd said.. Under the Iraqi plan, inspec-

tors will keep the documents, photographs and videotapes while they and Iraqi authorities catalog the evidence, diplomats

Iraq had initially demanded that the team relinquish the documents, but the inspectors refused.

warhead SS-24 missiles off rail

Mr. Bush was also considering

a dramatic new step by announc-

ing U.S. willingness to remove or

hmit the number of nuclear cruise

missiles on warships to press

Moscow for deeper cuts in its own

atomic arsenal, the officials said.

changing world. I think what I

will be saying tonight will have major worldwide implications for

world peace," the president told

reporters as he started an unre-

lated meeting with his economic

policy council on Friday morning.

While the administration offi-

cials did not give specifics, they

said the speech was aimed at

prompting nuclear cuts that go

deeper than this year's U.S.-

Soviet strategic arms reduction

agreement (START), which fence posture."

"We're living in a rapidly

Bush seeks deeper arms cuts

repeated violations of its obligations" under U.N. resolutions demanding its cooperation with the destruction of its weapons.

A statement said the council reiterates its demand that the inspectors... be released immediately," but did not object to "a joint inventory of documents and materials "in this particular

Rolf Ekeus, head of the U.N. pecial commission charged with disposing of Iraq's weapons of mass destruction, estimated it would take less than 24 hours to catalog the evidence.

To pressure Iraq to comply with U.N. resolutions ending the Gulf war, U.S. forces are beingsent to neighbouring Sandi Ara-bia. The United States on Wednesday began moving Patriot anti-missile units to the Gulf in case the Security Council orders military escorts for U.N. teams

searching Iraq.
Speaking to reporters, U.S.
President George Bush sounded
clearly prepared to use military force if diplomacy fails.

"Whatever happens, (Iraq is) going to comply. That's the point," he said. "We are prepared to do whatever it takes to enforce the resolutions."

The New York Times reported in its Friday editions that the White House halted plans to send attack belicopters and warplanes to Saudi Arabia after the Saudi defence minister told Washington he saw no need for more weaponry to be sent to the kingdom. Asked about the report, Mr. Bush said, "We haven't changed any plans. We have a plan. Stay with the plan."

The newspaper also said General Joseph Hoar, the new Chief of the U.S. Central Command, had received presidential authority to begin drawing up a list of targets in Iraq should Mr. Bush decide to order punitive air

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would cut over 20 per cent of the

existing U.S.-Soviet arsenals of

The officials said they were not

sure of the future of MX missiles

in underground siles, but that the

administration would no longer

press Congress on the controver-

sial issue of mounting them on

The Senate had already voted

67-33 on Thursday night to kill

\$225 million requested by the

administration to go ahead with

the "rail-garrison" plan to mobil-

ise the big weapons and make

them invulnernable to attack. .

lin Fitzwater said Mr. Bush's

prime-time address from the Oval

Office, only his sixth since taking

office, would mark "an historic

turning point in our national de-

White House spokesman Mar-

rail carriages.

more than 22,000 nuclear war-

Shamir rules out Husseini and Ashrawi in peace talks

TEL AVIV (R) — Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir Friday ruled out a role in Middle East peace talks for two Palestinian leaders who could face prosecution for allegedly attending an Algiers session of the Palestine National Council (PNC).

Israel has said it will not attend a U.S.-sponsored Middle East peace conference unless it can veto/Palestinian representation at

Asked if he would consent to J.S. leaders meeting the two, Hanan Ashrawi and Faisal Al Husseini, Mr. Shamir said: 'That's an American issue... but people will not represent anyone

Dr. Ashrawi and Mr. Husseini led Palestinian delegations which met U.S. Secretary of State James Baker in occupied Jerusalem during his seven peace missions to the Middle East this

Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) sources said the two addressed the PNC on Thursday in Algiers, where they were said by delegates to have urged the meeting to back the U.S. plan. Mr. Husseini and Dr. Ashrawi denied they were at the confer-

"We didn't (leave) the United

days. I and Hanan cannot be in two places at the same time," Mr. Husseini told Israel Radio Friday

Israeli authorities have said they will prosecute anyone who attends the PNC meeting under a law barring contact with members of the PLO. The PNC is the decision-making body of the

Mr. Shamir said participation by the two Palestinian leaders from the Israeli-occupied territories at the PNC meeting would not

violated the law."

The prime minister denied reports that the U.S. pressured Israel to allow the two to attend

Both Mr. Husseini and Dr. Ashrawi are residents of Arab

East Jerusalem residents.

Dr. Ashrawi told Reuters she and Mr. Husseini would travel to Washington soon.

Soviet president voices

MOSCOW (Agencies) — President Mikhail Gorbachev said Friday he expects the remaining Soviet republics to sign an economic cooperation treaty in the first 10 days of October.

Mr. Gorbachev, in a joint press conference with visiting Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, also expressed concern about strife in some corners of the country.

The Soviet president gave no precise date for when he expected the economic agreement to be signed, but said he hopes it would be in "the first 10 days of October" during a meeting of republic prime ministers in the Kazakhstan capital of Alma Ata.

Officials from the 12 republics are working to resolve their differences, he said.

Mr. Gorbachev expressed concern about ethnic strife in Georgia and the Nagorno-Karabakh enclave in the Cancasus and about public protests over the reinstatement of a Communist Party stalwart as president of the Central Asian Republic of Tadzhikis-

He denied accusation by Georian President Zviad Gamsakhurdia that the Kremlin was behind a mounting opposition movement in the republic. "This is not realistic, not fac-

tual," he said, repeating several times that "the situation is worsening" in Georgia.
"I think that President Gamsakhurdia and his opponents ought to exert the maximum

goodwill" to peacefully resolve their conflict, he said: Mr. Gorbachev endorsed

"I don't think this influences the peace process. It influences... these people because in such a case it will be clear that they

Mr. Shamir refuses to negotiate at any peace conference with Many prominent Palestinian activists in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip live in East

Kingdom at all during the last concern over ethnic strife

efforts by Russian Federation President Boris Yeltsin and Kazah President Nursultan Nazarbayev to broker a truce in Nagorno-Karabakh, an Arme-

nian enclave inside Azerbaijan. "But unfortunately I read in the newspapers today that there was more shooting, that five peo-ple were killed. That's not just permissible," Mr. Gorbachev

"There are forces who do not want the conflict to end," he said. He was referring to renewed fighting in the mountainous re-gion which broke out after the tentative peace agreement was reached on Monday.

While not directly criticising the parliament of Tadzhikistan for reinstating Communist leader Rakhman Nabiyev and declaring a state of emergency, Mr. Gorbachev said "each republic must understand the need to continue democratic development."

Mr. Nabiyev, who was ousted several months after Mr. Gorbachev became Kremlin leader in 1985, was reinstated on Monday. He replaced acting President Kadriddin Aslonov, who tried to abolish the Communist Party.

The republics of the Ukraine and Kazakhstan are backing away from earlier offers to hand over to the Russian republic nuclear missiles stationed on their territory, a senior Russian official

"The situation is changing. Previously they said: Come and take them. Now they say: Let us

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Ensour meets Baker and other counterparts at U.N

AMMAN (Petra) — Foreign 46th session of the United Na-

tions General Assembly. Dr. Ensour discussed with his German Foreign Minister Hans Dietrich Genscher the latest developments in the Middle East and ongoing peace process in the region as well as bilateral rela-

He also met with the foreign ministers of Canada, Cuba and

Dr. Ensour earlier met with-American Secretary of State James Baker and discussed with him the latest developments in the region and efforts to convene a peace conference in October.

He held meetings with the foregn ministers of Spain, Australia, Austria, Greece, Luxembourg, Portugal, Senegal, Tunisia and Colombia. He also met with the prime minister of New Zealand and discussed with him the situation in the Middle East and bilateral relations.

Dr. Ensour also attended a working dinner hosted by Arab League Secretary General Esmat Abdul Maguid in honour of the Arab foreign ministers attending

the General Assembly session. On Wednesday, Dr. Ensour met with the foreign ministers of Bangladesh, Iran, Albania, In-

dia, Norway and Finland.

Minister Abdullah Ensour Thurs- Al Ra'i, Dr. Ensour said that the day held a series of meetings with foreign ministers of Egypt, Syria, his counterparts taking part in the Lebanon and Jordan held a preliminary meeting on the sidelines of the U.N. General Assembly

The four ministers discussed the U.S.-led efforts to convene a peace conference to resolve the Arab-Israeli conflict and Arab coordination shead of the proposed conference. The four ministers also discussed the date and venue for another meeting which will be held at the foreign ministers level. The meeting will be attended by Egypt, Jordan, Syria, Lebanon and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), whose representative did not attend the preliminary Arab meeting since he was taking part in the Palestine National Council

meetings held in Algiers. His 45-minute meeting with Secretary Baker, Dr. Ensour said, was good and provided an opportunity to review the ongoing peace efforts. He added that he and Mr. Baker also discussed the letter of guarantees Jordan has requested before convening the peace conference.

Dr. Ensour also said that Arab foreign ministers will meet Saturday to discuss issues on the agenda of the U.N. General Assembly and crystallise pan-Arabs stands vis-a-vis these issues.

Gorbachev: Mideast peace parley on track

MOSCOW (Agencies) — Soviet Middle East peace process leader Mikhail Gorbachev said The proposed confer East peace conference could start in October and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak said the proposed Arab-Israeli talks could

last two years. Mr. Gorbachev told reporters after meeting Mr. Mubarak in the Kremlin that October remained a realistic target for the conference despite "some doubts" that had arisen in recent weeks. He did

not elaborate. We are acting on the basis of precisely such a time-scale." Mr. Gorbachev said. "I think this process is so essential, and we have come so close to it, that all sides understand their responsi-

bility and are taking steps. Mr. Mubarak, the first Arab leader to visit Moscow since last month's failed communist coup, warned that the peace talks may be ardnous.

"Of course it is hard to expect that success will be achieved in a day or a week. The negotiations could continue a year or two years," the Egyptian president

er, is to strive to continue the negotiating process so that these peace efforts may lead to peace in the region."

"The important thing, howev-

The Soviet Union, effectively shorn of its superpower status by

political and economic crises at

home, has a vital stake in the

The proposed conference Friday he still hoped a Middle offers Moscow an opportunity to rebuild its influence in the region, where its closest Arab ally until the Gulf war was Iraq.'

Mr. Gorbachev said he and lateral issues including ways of boosting trade. The Egyptian leader, who arrived on Thursday, was due to fly home later after his

brief working visit. Mr. Gorbachev said Moscow welcomed the readiness of Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates to offer it financial and trade credits.

"Already there are certain steps being taken and we welcome that. It meets the interests of both sides and for us it is very neces-

Carter: Settlements are key issue

Former President Jimmy Carter says the peace process in the Middle East hinges of Israeli settlement-building on the West

The continued building of settlements on the West Bank is the single most difficult obstacle to overcome. (Continued building) is almost proof that peace nego-tiations will not be successful," Mr. Carter said Thursday after a speech to an audience of about 2,000 people at Goucher College

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Ashrawi, Husseini deny attending PNC meeting in Algiers

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (R) — Palestinian leader Hanan Ashrawi, threatened with prosecution by Israel if she defied a ban on contacting the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), denied she went to Algiers for the Palestinian National Council

PLO sources said Thursday afternoon that Dr. Ashrawi and Faisal Al Husseini, who have been go-betweens between Washington and the PLO, had left Algiers after speaking at a

(PNC) conference.

The sources said they were going to Washington to brief U.S. Secretary of State James Baker on the (PNC) meeting, called to decide whether Palestinians should take part in Middle East peace talks tentatively planned for next month.

At 2315 GMT on Thursday, Reuter correspondent Colleen Siegel telephoned a London hotel and spoke to a woman she identified as Dr. Ashrawi.

Here are the main extracts of their conversation: Q: Are you denying your were in

A: Yes. I have been denying the story, both Faisal and I have been denying the story.

Q: Where have you been for the last two days? A: We've been in England. We haven't left the U.K. We have a lot of work to do and it's all related to the peace process. Q: Do you have any way to corroborate where you were in

the last two days? A: Listen, if we are placed on trial then we will have to present evidence, but I hope we aren't

WASHINGTON (AP) - The

U.N. inspection team in Baghdad

is top-heavy with Americans,

many of them officials from the

Defence and Energy depart-

The group's investigation of

Iraq's nulcear weapons program-

me has been based in large mea-

sure on information from at least

two "defectors" and from LLS.

reconnaissance photographs and electronic monitoring, said the

The 27 Americans on the 44-

member team, assembled by the

U.N.-affiliated International

Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)

were picked for their expertise in

nuclear bomb-making and Arab-

ments, U.S. officials said.

going to be put on trial by the

Q: Are you going to Washington? A: We are going to Washington, but we haven't decided when vet. In Algiers PLO sources said

Mr. Husseini and Dr. Ashrawi, who have seen Mr. Baker on most of his seven missions to the Middle East this year, urged a divided PNC to go along with the U.S. plan for talks.

Officials said they received a warm welcome, even from delegates who disagree with them on the peace conference. Israel's defence ministry said in

a statement:

"If it becomes clear that people from (the West Bank) and the Gaza Strip participated in the Palestine National Council the steps dictated by law will be taken

In August, Mr. Husseini, Dr. Ashrawi, and Zakaria Al Agha, the Palestinian team that has met Mr. Baker on his peace shuttles, consulted on peace efforts with PLO officials in London.

Israeli police interrogated them on their return and said they would decide later whether to lay

Dr. Ashrawi, a sharp witted, articulate professor of English, is emerging as a leading voice of the ans in the occupied terri-

A week ago she left her West Bank home in the middle of the night and crossed into Jordan for hastily-arranged talks with Mr. Baker. He delayed his departure

from Amman to see her. She flew to London from Am-

Central Intelligence Agency

(CIA) spies, Iraq has refused for

three days to allow the group to

leave the parking lot outside the

Iraqi Energy Commission build-

ing with several containers of

allegations with a response," said

U.S. officials concede, howev-

CIA spokesman Mark Mansfield.

er, that the team has been sup-

plied with intelligence informa-

tion that led it to the cache of

fairly large role in saying where the team should go to look," said

one official who spoke only on

nuclear programme last year, said

The official said the engineer,

tipped off U.S. intelligence to a

uranium enrichment programme.

condition of anonymity.

another official.

"The United States did have a

We wouldn't dignify the Iraqi



Hanan Ashrawi

Israel Radio Friday, Mr. Husseini also flatly denied that either he or Dr. Ashrawi was in Algiers. "You know that we were in

London and we are now in London," he told Israel Radio. "We didn't leave the U.K. at all during the last days. And I can't and Hanan can't be in two places at the same time. We were in Eng-

On Thursday, police spokesman Uzi Sandori, responding to reports that Mr. Husseni and Dr. Ashrawi were in Algiers, told the Associated Press: "If they were there, we will call them in for questioning and we will investi-

Israel does not hesitate to prosecute under the statute. Israeli peace activist Abie Nathan served a jail sentence last year after he was convicted for meeting with PLO chairman Yasser Arafat. He recently was convicted for a later meeting with Mr. Arafat and still faces sentenc-

In response to allegations that Mr. Husseini and Dr. Ashrawi went to Algiers for talks with PLO officials, right-wing Israeli legislators have demanded they either be banned from returning here or jailed for investigation.

Mr. Shamir's bureau chief Yossi Ahimeir, asked if Israel would take into account the potential

ing clues that led the team to the

Administration officials, who

have pored over hundreds of

documents captured from Iraq

during the Gulf war, are among

the members of the team in Bagh-

dad - there because they can

read Arabic and understand the

significance of documents the

Also on the team are scientists

from U.S. government labs

where the Department of Energy research and development of nuc-

Although Iraq's clandestine

nuclear programme is believed to

have been all but destroyed in the

Gulf war, the documents are of

great value for several reasons,

- They list names of Iraqis

They provide names of fore-

involved, making it easier to

monitor any attempt to resume

ign companies that sold Iraq

- They provide information

thousands of components.

team imcovers.

documents, the official said.

team dominated by



political damage before prosecuting the two, told Reuters:

If we have to consider other. things, we will consider them." Israel insist the U.S. exclude the PLO from any talks and refuses to speak to Palestinians affiliated with the PLO.

Mr. Husseini and Mr. Ashrawi insist in meeting with Mr. Baker that the PLO is the Palestinians' sole representative.

"They are in daily contact with the PLO. Everybody knows the PLO is being represented by Husseini and Ashrawi," said opposition parliament member Dedi Zucker. "Only some (government) ministers pretend they do not.

Meanwhile, the Hebrew daily Yedioth Ahronoth said Friday that Israeli diplomats have warned Mr. Baker against meet-ing with Mr. Husseini and Dr. Ashrawi, who are expected to travel from London to Washing-

ton this weekend. Such talks would "hurt the effort to convene a peace conference," the diplor ats reportedly told Mr. Baker's delegation to the United Nations in New York.

Mr. Husseini was quoted by Israeli Radio as saying the warning to Mr. Baker suggested Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir was trying to back out of the peace

offensive operations under U.N.

Iraq's information minister ac-

cused U.S. and Israel intelligence

services Wednesday of killing two

Iraqi nuclear scientists and an

Egyptian 10 years ago to thwart

and the (Israeli) Mossad commit-

ted criminal acts including assas-

sination, kidnapping and terroris-

ing Iraqi and Arab scientists ... to

prevent Iraq and other Arab

countries acquire modern tech-

madi told the Iraqi News Agency.

The minister was commen

Baghdad over access to files.

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on the standoff between U.N.

nuclear weapons inspectors and

"personal files of those who work

in the Iraqi Nuclear Commission

Mr. Hummadi said the first

"martyr" was the Egyptian scientist Yehia Al Mashad, who spe-

cialised in nuclear reactor en-

gineering and was killed in Paris

in 1980. He did not say if the

Egyptian scientist was working

and the Ministry of Industry."

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Iraq's nuclear research.

U.N. agency hopes for 'voluntary repatriation' of stranded Somalis

By A Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — The recent flare-up in factional fighting in Somalia has delayed the departure home of Somali nationals stranded in Jordan since the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait in August 1990. The international agency offering them help remains hopeful that the situation would clear itself soon so that it could go ahead with their "voluntary repatriation" after their application to joint families in. Britain has been turned down by the British government.

Seventy-six Somali nationals remained in Jordan as of Thursday, having sought the help of the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) to find asylum in a third country as soon as they arrived in Jordan from Kuwait and Iraq following the Iraqi invasion of

In addition, 19 Iranians are also in Jordan awaiting UNHCR help. Some of the Iranian refugees have already been granted political asylum in Scandinavia and Canada, while others' cases are being processed, according to Javiner de Riedmatten, chief of the UNHCR mission in

In the case of the Somalis, whether from the south or north, the ouster of President. Mohammad Siad Barre earlier this year has removed the main reason for their quest for political asylum abroad.

We have reached the conclusion that voluntary repatriation is the only viable option for the Somalis," said Mr. Riedmatten. However, since the situation in Somalia is unclear the departure of the Somalis - of those who accept to return home - has

"We are hopeful that passage for the Somails could be arranged soon," Mr. Riedmatten said. But, he reaffirmed, "we will not send anyone anywhere without his or her explicit consent."

Under UNHCR criterion, most of the stranded third country nationals in Jordan - except the Iranians - are "persons of concern" rather than refugees. "A formal "refugee" status is granted only after the concerned person can prove that he or she

Most of the northern omalis remaining in Jordan had applied to the British government for permission to join relatives in Britain, but the applications were turned down on the ground that the relatives were not immediate family members and that the relationship was not close

That leaves them no alternative but to return home, particularly that most of them are from the Issaq clan whose members form the core of the Somali National Movement, which took over northern Somalia after the ouster of Mr. Siad Barre and procliamed an independent republic in the north.

The destination of the orthern Somalis is the port of Berbera in the north. However, it was not immediately known how many of the northerners are willing to accept the "voluntary repatviation."

For southern Somalis, some of whom still aruge that their lives will be under threat if they returned home, the situation remains unclear. especially after the recent factional fighting in Moga-

Some of the southern Somalis and Iranians have staged hunger-strikes at the Andalus transit camp, where they are accommodated, to support their demand for UNHCR action to find them

refuge.
But, said Mr. Riedmatten, such actions do not help since it is not in UNHCR hands to decide where the refugees go. "We are trying out best to help everyone, but it is up to the various governments to decide whether or not to accept them," he said.

Twelve Ethiopians also remain in Jordan. But their request for political asylum in a third country is no longer valid after rebels overthi the regime of dictator Haile Mengistu Mariam in May. These have legal permits to stay in Jordan, but the UNHCR will have to step in and help them to returnhome as and when the validity of the permits expire. However, they already possess Sudanese documents, having been granted asylum in Sudan, and UNHCR's role is limited to ensuring that

splits Belgian government BRUSSELS (AP) - Political benefit firms in Dutch-speaking

Proposed Mideast arms deal

negotiations intensified Friday to heal a split along linguistic lines within Prime Minister Wilfried Martens' centre-left government over \$300-million arms sales to the Middle East.

"It is still possible to find a solution," said Justice Minister Melchior Wathelet after a Friday morning meeting of the cabinet that was extended into the after-

The dispute, which has lingcred for weeks, was widely seen as jeopardising the government.
Two of Mr. Martens' Dutch-

after the Gulf war. But two Francophone coalition parties want the sales approved to afeguard the arms industry in Wallonia, Belgium's French-

speaking southern half. The have said they will oppose

"For economic and ethical reasons we are against arms exports to the Middle East. We will not approve a renewal of the export licences," Frank Vandenbroecke, leader of the Flemish

Socialist, said Friday. But Guy Spitaels, his Francophone counterpart and the French-speaking Christian Democrats, want to save the embattled arms industry in the Walloon city of Liege.

Liege-area arms maker FNN Herstal has contracts worth 10.6 billion francs (\$303 million) for Mideast clients, including Saudi Arabia, Oman and the United Arab Emirates, but needs export

"Without the licences the normal financing of the company... is no longer possible," FNN said in

It said over 1,000 jobs are at stake if the arms contracts are not

MIDDLE EAST NEWS IN BRIEF

Ex-soldiers of Ethiopia need help

ADDIS ABABA (R) - Ethiopian Red Cross officials appealed Thursday for 20,000 tonnes of emergency food aid and \$12 million cash to help nearly 250,000 former soldiers of the toppled government of dictator Mengistu Haile Mariam. Neway Zera Johannes, secretary-general of the Ethiopian Red Cross Society (ERCS), said tens of thousands of disbanded soldiers had gone home without registering for food aid and were no turning up as distribution centres hoping for hand-outs. He told reporters that the ERCS and the International Committee of the Red Cross had appealed successfully for aid for some 250,000 former soldiers but the actual number of people in need had turned out to be double that. "A very high number of ex-servicemen without ration cards turn up at distribution centres and are refused relief assistance" Mr. Neway said, adding this was causing tensions and in some cases violence. He cited one case in Ami region where the distribution centre had to be closed after being overwhelmed by former soldiers without ration cards. Col. Mengistu's army, once the largest in Africa, collapsed after a rebel onslaught in May. One rebel group took over in Addis Ababa and has since called in other political groups to form a broad-based transitional government. Another rebel group took control in the northern province of Eritrea. The provisional government in Eritrea denied it was to blame for the slow passage of famine relief aid and other goods through the Eritrean port of Asab. More than seven million people face severe food shortages in Ethiopia this year. The bulk of aid for them comes through Asab.

Malta conference to discuss Mideast peace

ROME (R) — Some 250 religious and political leaders will gather in Malta next month to promote peace in the Middle East. This is a gathering of Christian, Muslim and Jewish leaders that would have been unthinkable three years ago," Mario Marazzitig spokesman for the Italian religious community sponsoring the Oct. 8-10 meeting, told a news conference. The conference hopes to overcome centuries of mistrust and hostility among the Middle East's major religions to promote discussions towards regional peace. "The Gulf war confirmed the need to end misunderstanding and conflict between religious," Mr. Marazziti said. Among those expected to attend the gathering, called "Religions for a Sea of Peace," are the grand mustis of Egypt and Syria, the chief rabbi of Haifa, and Catholic bishops and patriarchs from several countries in the region. Polish Cardinal Josef Glemp and representatives of smaller faiths ranging from Shinto to Zoroas-trianism are also expected to attend. Italian Prime Minister Giulio Andreotti, Albanian Prime Minister Ylli Bufi and Portuguese President Mario Soares are also expected. The Community of Sant'egidio, which is hosting the conference, has been mediating peace talks between the Mozambican government and rebels.

Turkish soldier, 2 Kurdish rebels killed

ANKARA (R) — Two separatist Kurdish rebels and a Turkish soldier were killed Friday in a clash in southeast Turkey, the Anatolian news agency reported. The gunbattle with guerrillas of the Kurdish Workers Party (PKK) occurred near a phosphate plant near the town of Mazidagi in Mardin province, it said. Two soldiers were wounded in another clash with PKK fighters near Midyat town in the same province, it added. Officials could not immediately confirm the casualties. More than 3,300 people have been killed in the mainly Kurdish southeast since the PKK launched a guerrilla war for an independent Kurdish state in the

Former hostage Mann relishes his freedom

LONDON (AP) — Freed hostage Jack Mann is still frail from his 28 months in captivity in Beiruit, but his spirits are surprisingly high, officials said. Mr. Mann, 77, relished his freedom and chatted with his wife Sunnie, 73, who is staying with him at a royal air force base at Lyneham 130 kilometres west of London, in the same VIP suite used by journalist John McCarthy after he was freed Aug. 8. The former battle of Britain Spitfire pilot began his first uninterrupted day of freedom since his release Tuesday with a full English breakfast. Then Mr. Mann's top priorities were a haircut, a visit to the base dentist, new glasses and ordering a new wristwatch to replace the one stolen by his captors, according to base staff. ITN Middle East correspondent Brent Sadler, who helped Mrs. Mann write a book about her agonising waiting for her husband's release, visited the couple. "They are continually chatting - almost like a honeymoon couple. It's wonderful to see," he said. Mr. Mann also spoke on the telephone with Prime Minister John Major, who pronounced him "in very good heart."

UNHCR helps Iranians return from Iraq

GENEVA (AP) — The office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refuges (UNHCR) is to reptatriate more than 10,000 Iranian Kurds who fied to Iraq, some as long ago as 1979. A UNHCR official, Ekber Menemenciogiu, said Friday that about 400 refugees would leave Iraq's Al Tash refugee camp for reception centres in Iran on Saturday. The remaining volunteers would follow over the next two months. He said it was the first large-scale repatriation of Iranian refuges organised by the United Nations and followed delicate negotiations with the Iranian and Iraqi governments. An estimated 30,000 Iranians of Kurdish origin currently live in the Al Tash camp and more than 10,000 have said they want to return to their homeland under the. UNHCR programme. Mr. Menemenciogiu said a further 13,000, had returned independently from Al Tash to Iran in recent months. Some had been killed en route by mines planted along. the Iran-Iraq border during the eight-year war between the two countries. The camp is situated to the west of Baghdad. It houses, almost all the Iranian Kurds who fled to Iraq following a failed 1979 uprising against the Tehran government and during the Iran-Iraq conflict, when many Kurdish villages along the border, were destroyed. The war ended in 1988. Mr. Menemenciogin said, the negotiations about the repatriation effort had only just been concluded because of difficulties in getting Baghdad and Tehran to agree to cross-border movements. He said the problem of finding a safe passage through the minefields had further. complicated the task.

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Germans, two Britons, three New Zealanders, and one person each from Syria, Egypt and

Iraq argues that the preponderance of Americans violates the neutral nature of the United Na-

tions and the IAEA. Insisting the Americans are

Starvation in Sudan claims thousands -WASHINGTON (AP)—Tens of thousands of Sudanese are believed to have died of starvation in recent months while countless others cling to life on a diet of wild grass, a U.S. official said

Thursday. Rick Machmer, the chief U.S. foreign aid representative in Sudan, said predictions of even higher death tolls, however, do not take into account the ability of the Sudanese to survive on the most meager of diets.

Sudanese in the hard-hit western region have been able to survive on wild grass, "just pulling it out of the ground," Mr. Machmer said in an interview.

"It's a terrible existence. It barely keeps them alive but they

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don't die," he said. Another factor in preventing an even worse disasterwasSudan's

ability, despite scarce resources, to import 600,000 tonnes of food this year, much higher than relief experts had predicted, he said. The food was allocated largely to government supporters in

urban areas, he added.

Millions of Sudanese lives are at risk elsewhere because of food shortages but conditions could ease when the November harvest comes in," Mr. Machmer said. On the other hand, the possibility of an escalation in Sudan's

war could prevent relief

flights from reaching the southern

part of the country, which is

highly dependent on outside help

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for its food needs. "It's an intense military area and you can't just go out and plant the harvest," Mr. Machiner

> The combination of drought and the civil war, in which the north has been fighting the south, has created famine conditions in Sudan which are unparalleled

elsewhere in the world. The United States has tried to fill the food gap in the Sudan with a 331,000-tonne commitment this year - the largest U.S. programme anywhere — but scarcity persists because deliveries by the European Community have been slower than expected, he said.

Mr. Machmer asserted that misrule by the government in

Khartoum also has contributed to

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prise, Mr. Machmer said Sudan is so far in arrears in debt repayments to the International Monetary Fund (IMF) that the IMF take the unprecedented step of expelling the country from its

port because of actions such as its backing of Iraq in the Gulf war who tried to stage a coup in the

Sudan's international support is now limited to Libya, Iran, Iraq, Yemen and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO).

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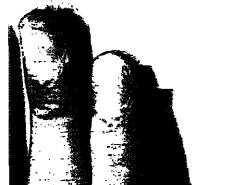
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International conference on fertilisers to be held in Jordan

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Jordan Phosphate Mines Company (JPMC) and the Arab Potash Company (APC) will organise an international conference on fertilisers in October to discuss means of developing the fertiliser industry in the country with the help of foreign exper-

At least 50 Indian industrial ists and experts will attend the five-day meeting, according to

JPMC Director General Wasef Azar said that the meeting, which is held every two years, sims to bolster cooperation between Jordanian and Indian experts to promote the development of the fertiliser industry through the utilisation of phosphate and potash mines in Jordan.

The Indian experts will submit a number of working papers and will make field trips to fertiliser plants as well as the JPMC and the APC plants in southern Jordan, he said.

India is the largest market for Jordan's potash and fertilisers and industry sources here said that Jordan and India are about to conclude a final agreement to launch a project designed to produce phosphoric acid in the Kingdom.

They said that the agreement entails setting up a plant near Shidieh in Jordan to produce 200,000 tonnes of phosphoric acid annually by the

The project is expected to offer employment to about 150 skilled and non-skilled Jordamans. Industry sources say that there is a large market for phosphonic acid in many countries and Jordan was best placed to house plants to manufacture the acid in view of the edge the Kingdom enjoys in terms of freight to markets in the Far East and the abundance of the raw material in the country.

According to the JPMC statement, the meeting to open here on Oct. 6 is to review 15 working papers to be submit-ted by Indian and Jordanian



CHARITY AFFAIR — Her Majesty Queen Noor Thursday he second annual bazaar of the Promise Welfare Society, held at the Jordan Intercontinental Hotel. Proceeds from the bazaar benefit the poor and needy in Jordan. The bazaar includes handmade items, embroidery, flowers, silverware, copperware, colour glass, clothes, bamboo and wooden items. Also attending the bazaar were Her Royal Highness Princess Alia Al Faisal, Princess Ghaida, a number of Arab and foreign ambassadors and a number of invitees. Also Teursday, Queen Noor opened Um Qais Resthouse in the northern part of Jordan where a tourist village will be established at that archaeological site. She was received by Tourism Minister Abdul Karim Al Kabariti, who said that the cost of the resthouse was JD 45,000.

History society awards King and Crown Prince medals

-AMMAN (Petra) — Mustafa Abdul Qder Al Najjar, Secretary General of the Arab Historian Union, Friday praised His Majesty King Hussein's pan-Arab stands and his leading role in

reformulating Arab history. In a statement he made to the Jordan News Agency, Petra, prior to his departure to Baghdad, Dr. Najjar said the AHU's general secretariat decided to award King Hussein and His Hassan the Arab History's Golden Medal in appreciation of their distinguished role in shaping

contemporary Arab history. Dr. Najjar headed a delegation of Arab historians on a weeklong tour which took them to Jordan, Mauritania and Morocco.

Talking about the outcome of his tour, he said that he agreed with historians he saw during his tour on holding three international conferences on Arab history. The first will be held at Kualalampour University in Tanzania in cooperation with the Asian Historians Association. It will discuss the role of Arabs and muslims in transferring Arab and Islamic culture to South East

The second will be held at Aden University in Yemen next February to discuss Arab herit-

The third will be held next year in Seville Spain.

The conference will discuss the role of Arabs in transferring science to Europe.

Dr. Najjar noted with appreciation Prince Hassan's offer to print the latest issue of the Arab Historian magazine at his own expense. The Arab Historian Un-

Population conference calls on government to initiate various measures to address problems

on population in Jordan and their needs between 1991 and 2005 has ended with the participants issuing a set of recommend for the development of secondary mendations tackling health, water, food and social services for university education to meet local the population of Jordan in the

Her Royal Highness Princess the U.N. Population Fund and other participants for their efforts at the conference and expressed hope that the recommendations would be put into practice to meet the Kingdom's population

According to the conference's statement, the participents called more attention to the education ment problem in the country.

kindergarten level and to offer carry out their duties. They called school, community college and needs and urged universities to

They also called on Ministry of Basma, who presided over the Education to step up efforts to .dan to 8 per cent by the end of the present century, down from 19 per cent at present.

The participants want the government to create incentives for the private sector so that it can carry out projects in the rural regions to stem migration to urban areas and cities, therefore on concerned authorities to give helping alleviate the unemploy-

In the water and food security field, the participants called for immediate programmes for the efficient use of water resources. They also urged the govern-

initiate projects.

ment to offer soft loans and credit

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and residents of rural regions to

network stretching from the Syrian border in the north to the Disi Water Basin in the southeast part of the country and the recycling of treated water for industry and agriculture.

. The participants urged the government to resort to modern technology to help desalinate sea water to obtain sufficient water for the southern regions.

UNRWA commission holds meeting, Jordanian official urges agency Tto step up services to Palestinians

commission of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency '(UNRWA), which held its first meeting ever in Amman Thursday, is touring Palestinian re-- fugee camps today to inspect services to residents and to examine vocational training offerred to the trainces.

The 10-member commission meeting presided over by UN-RWA Commissioner General IIter Turkmen has reviewed the agency's 1992-93 budget and a draft report which the commissioner plans to submit to the United Nations General Assembly about UNRWA's operations between July 1990 and June 1991.

Addressing Thursday's meeting, Adel Irsheid, director of the Foreign Ministry's Department for Palestinian Affairs, spoke in detail about the plight of the Palestinian refugees under Israeli Elle in the West Bank and Gaza

> Speaking on behalf of the countries hosting refugees - Jordan, Syria, Lebanon and Egypt - Mr. Insherd said that the re-

the Palestine question and the UNRWA commissioner ought to include in his report a demand from the world community to work towards the repatriation or

compensation of these refugees.. Arab countries hosting the refugees, he said, shoulder heavy financial burdens in caring for them but the commissioner's rations to the refugees and not to draft report barely touched on

In view of the very serious circumstancs in the Arab region in the wake of the Gulf crisis, UNRWA ought to prepare a budget that would take into con-

AMMAN (J.T.) - The advisory fugee issue constitutes the crux of Palestinian refugees and submit the budget to the world community so that it can ensure sufficient assistance, Mr. Irsheid said.

> The time has come for Mr. Turkmen to urge the U.N. General Assembly to implement its own earlier resolutions concerning the distribution of foodrestrict such aid to the very needy, alone, Mr. Irsheid said /

He added that the agency should also cut down on unnecessary expenses and increase allocations for services on schools and education as well as health and sideration the real needs of the social services to the refugees.

Jordan, Cyprus exchange documents

NICOSIA (Petra) — Jordan and Cyprus Thursday exchanged documents of ratification of the Cultural and Scientific Cooperation Agreement concluded between both countries. Exchanging the documents for the Jordanian government was its ambassador to Cyprus, Samir Khalifa, while it was exchanged for the Cypriot side by the Foreign Ministry's Cultural Department director. Under the agreement, both countries will exchange visits by officials and cooperate on educational radio and television programmes.



Journalism symposium to review press role in war

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

Association (JPA), in cooperation with the International Organisation of Journalists (IOI), will open a three-day ymposium at the Amman Plaza Hotel Saturday under the patronage of His Royal High-

ness Crown Prince Hassan. A total of 40 prominent journalists representing 25 around the world, together with Jordanian journalists, are taking part in the symposium "Press Coverage in Wartime," according to JPA President Hashem Khreisat.

The symposium will focus attention on two important elenents: objectivity and the role of journalists, said Mr. Chreisat at a press conference held Thursday.

He said many working papers will be reviewed during the coming symposium, providing. information about news coverage during armed conflicts, difficulties encountered by journalists in the course of such coverage, dangerous situations such as imprisonment, injuries and repression journalists face while conducting their work along with censorship of the news reports.

IOJ Secretary General Girard Gatino, who is taking part in the symposium, told the press conference that his organisation has an essential duty to take care of journalists professionally and socially. The journalistic profession is a grave responsibility and the IOJ has a special duty in this regard, he said.

A total of 260,000 journalists belonging to 196 unions in 93 countries around the world are IOJ members and they are all concerned with the question of news coverage, especially dur-ing wartime, Mr. Gatino said. Journalists are doing a great job in today's modern cover-

age for radio, television or the press and the IOJ feels it is its duty to arrange for measures that would ensure protection for journalists under any circumstances, Mr. Gatino

Jordan, Libya reach agreement on cooperation in health fields

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Jordan and Libya will sign minutes of deliberations today over bilateral cooperation in health fields following two days of meetings between official delegations from the two countries.

Libya's side to the talks was led by visiting Minister of Health Zeidan Bader Zeidan and the Jordanian side was led by Health Minister Mamdouh Al Abbadi. Both ministers were received by Prime Minister Taher Masri, who was briefed on the initial agreements reached in the talks designed to promote cooperation in health fields and in the pharmaceutical industry.

The subject of integration between Libya and Jordan in health sectors, the exchange of visits by health experts and workers, Libya's institutions benefiting from Jordanian expertise and providing them with Jordanian doctors and technicians were discussed at the meeting, according to an official statement by the Jor-

dan News Agency, Petra.
The agency said that the two sides reviewed an earlier protocol which provided for Jordanian doctors to work in Libya and to provide Jordanian expertise for Libyan health institutions.

The guestion of providing Jordanian medicines and medical equipment, Libya's benefiting from Jordan's facilities in medicine control and Jordanian and Libyan officials hold talks on cooperation in these fields (Petra photo) The two sides, it said, discussed means of cooperation in spreading health education and in adopting unified curricula in the teaching of medicine in either country.

The two sides agreed to set up a joint technical committee to take charge of following up the implementation of the

Following the meeting, Dr. Abbadi described the talks as positive, constructive and

frank. He said that the employment of Jordanian doctors in Libya figured prominently in the talks. Dr. Zeidan said that the talks were fruitful and con-

The two sides agreed that Jordanian doctors be given priority over others in employment in Libyan hospitals and health centres. He said preference will also be given to Jordanian pharmaceutical in-

dustries in Libyan markets.

American war veterans end protest at U.S. embassy

By Nur Sati Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Eight American war veterans campaigning against the policy of the Bush Administration in the Middle East Friday ended a 48-hour sit-in in front of the American embassy demanding an end to the sanctions imposed against

Holding banners which read "Children Dying, Hear Them Crying. Stop Sanctions.'

The veterans said they hoped to send a symbolic message to the U.S. government through the American embas-

"We would like to see the U.S. government permit the said Phil Roettinger, a retired colonel who quit the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) in protest against American covert activities in Latin Amer-

Mr. Roettinger, 75, who is also a World War II veteran, said that the group was getting "zero, no response" from the embassy. Two low-level officials from the mission met with representatives of the group who entered the embassy, but, according to Mr. Roettinger, "it was the same old line. (Iraqi President) Saddam Hussein is responsible for these children dying, not the United States and Saddam could stop it at any time by just stepping down.

At a time when demonstrations and protests related to the Gulf crisis have all but died down in Jordan, the American veterans' vigil in front of the U.S. embassy caught many passers-by by surprise.

Dozens of people were seen stopping by to chat with the group and to express solidarity and appreciation for its efforts. The group, calling itself the 1991 Veteran's Delegation to the Middle East, is not affiliated with any political party or ideology, said Brian Wilson, an ex-captain in the U.S. Army

who fought in Vietnam. "We are ashamed of the policy of our government," Mr. Wilson said.

The group is currently in Jordan after a visit to the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip in a bid to "know more about the Palestinian question, the history of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict and the role Jordan has played throughout these years.

question of registration of

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·The Libyan side voiced wil-

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the Royal Scientific Society

(RSS) to carry out mainte-

nance and repair work to

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tromechanical equipment and

to train Libyan technicians,

according to the statement.

"We are not happy representing any organisation," said Mr. Wilson. "We want to get more aquainted with issues pertaining to the Middle East region so we can go back to the United States and be better strugglers for peace there."

Mr. Wilson has been a longtime peace activist and lost both his legs when a U.S. munitions train ran over them when he was protesting against Washington's policies in Cen-

tral America. STORE . the West Bank, Gaza Strip, the Golan Heights and East Jerusalem and was shocked to "observe the systematic, incomprehensive brutality carried out by the Israeli occupa-

tion," Mr. Wilson said. 'Almost at every level the Israeli occupation mentality was evident - from montine harrassment on the streets to long imprisonment and administrative detention, beatings and attitudes as racists if not more than our experience in the U.S. against blacks," he

The veterans hope to put together a collection of photographs of what they saw in the occupied territories and comvile a video of their experience to be distributed to the Amer-

ican public.
"We want to express our concern, anguish, outrage and love for the people of the Middle East back in the U.S." Mr. Wilson said. "In this way, we hope we will penetrate the consciousness of Americans."

For people to simplify their lives and commit themselves to waging unconditional peace through non-violent pursuit of justice, there must be a strong belief that the public can make a change, he said.

"We have to believe we can win. All of us have had military experience," added Mr. Roettinger. "We realised that this is not the way to live. If we are going to have human beings with a conscience of right and

wrong, (wars) have to stop and we have to convince people that they should not become inflamed by presidents or congress or what happens to be support for the killing of peo-

Mr. Roettinger spoke of his experience in World War II, in the Solomon Islands and in the north of Australia and recounted how he left when he saw a picture of a small girl and a baby in the pocket of a Japanese soldier killed in ac-

"Even today I feel so emotional about it," He said, adding that it was the turning point for him.

As with Mr. Roettinger, each member of the group has what increased their resolve to continue risking their lives for the sake of a peaceful world. Mr. Wilson remembers how he fought in Vietnam as an Air Force lieutenant in charge of

protecting airplanes which were bombing villages. "When I saw what the bombs were doing to the Vietnamese people, I was shocked and had to oppose the bombing," he said

Being an officer, to oppose bombing while guarding the planes would have been considered as treason, and so "I simply stated to my superiors that what we were doing violated all international standards of decency and international law as well as the Hague and Geneva conventions."

Ever since then, Mr. Wilson has been speaking out against war and U.S. policy.

Mr. Wilson also recalled how he lost his legs in a protest against American arms supplies to the government in EL Salvador and the Contra rebels in Nicaragua. A group of activists decided

to block a train carrying ammunition from California to be shipped to Latin America, "We had given them 10 days

notice (that a group of us would be protesting nonviolently) and again we told them on the same day the trainleft that we were beginning our blockade," he said.

The train, he continued, has

a speed limit of five miles an bour at that particular location. It has two spotters to make sure the tracks are clear because the train was carrying highly explosive munition. When the blocked the railroad at noon (the time the train departed), it was a bright, sunny day. The train had plen-ty of visibility and we knew we

would be arrested and taken to prison. "Instead," he said, his speech slower as he remembered. "... the train accelerated to what the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) later said was 17 miles an hour and ran into us.. I went under the train and it took both my legs and a piece of my skull was actually missing part of my right frontal lobe. I have a

plastic skull and artificial legs." "Since then, I have actively worked for developing the world solidarity for order based on world justice. The train incident deepened my resolve to promote unconditional peace through non-violence and take risks that are necessary to promote change," Mr. Wilson said.

Another member of the group's John Schuchardt, who made headlines during the Gulf war when he shouted at President George Bush at a church in protest against the American military involvement in the Middle East.

Mr. Schuchardt, a former captain in the U.S. Army and now an activist against the American arms build-up, was prosecuted and jailed for a few

Other members in the group are Mark Birrnbaum, a former U.S. army intelligence sergeant in Vietnam, Rick Droz, a former U.S. Marine Corps member, William Kelsey, former ensign with the U.S. Navy, Lawrence Egbet, a former Lt. commander with the U.S. Navy and Ellen Barfield, a former sergeant with the U.S. Army.

The veterans are awaiting Iraqi visas to visit the war-torn country and to see for themselves the actual state of affairs there in the aftermath of the

HOME NEWS IN BRIEF

Queen opens centres

AMMAN (Petra) — Her Majesty Queen Noor will open three social development centres Saturday in Maan Governorate. The centres were set up by the General Union of Voluntary Societies in the governorate in cooperation with the Industrial Development Bank. These centres are Maan Especial Education Centre, al Qaa Social Development Centre and Al Ikhaa Society for Social Development.

Olympic soccer team returns

AMMAN (Petra) - The Jordanian Olympic soccer team returned to Amman from Bahrain Friday after taking part in the qualifying matches of Group C in Asia, which grouped besides Jordan the olympic teams of Saudi Arabia, Bahrain and Sri Lanka. Bahrain qualified for the finals of Asia after topping the group's standings with 4 points, followed by Saudi Arabia and Jordan which also had four points in the final standings. The Bahraini team had the score difference in its advantage since only one team was to qualify in the group. The Jordanian team played

three matches, won two of them and lost one. It defeated the Saudi team 2-1 and the Sri Lankan 7-0 but lost to Bahrain 0-4. Jordan's captain. Hisham Abdul Mun'em, won the trophy for the highest scorer in the tournament after scoring four goals, three against Sri Lanka and one against Saudi Arabia.

Official receives Libyan delegation

AMMAN (Petra) - Labour Ministry Secretary General Saleh Khasawneh Thursday received a Libyan industrial delegation currently on a visit to Jordan for talks with Jordanian industrialists on means of promoting and enhancing industrial relations. Dr. Khasawneh discussed with the delegation Libya's requirements of Jordanian labour force and voiced the ministry's readiness to provide help in according with Libya's needs. He noted that the ministry will be ready to provide assistance, once Libya identifies its labour force needs, specifies the required qualifications, years of experience and terms of employment. He added that a Libyan technical committee will soon be visiting Jordan to meet with Jordanians wishing to work in Libya.

WHAT'S GOING ON

EXHIBITIONS

- 🛪 Exhibition of pointings by Omer Borel at the French Cultural X Exhibition of water colour pointings by Charles Fester-Hall at
- the British Council.

LECTURE

X Lecture by Dr. Guster Dreyer, 2nd director at the German logical Institute in Cairo, on "The Royal Tombs of Abydos" at the Goethe Institute - 7 p.m.

lragi artists to be featured

AMMAN (J.T.) - A plastic art exhibition by Iraqi artists Mohammad Hussein Judi and Sahib Al Yasiri will be opened next Saturday at Alia Art Gallery by Culture and Information

Minister Khalid Al Karaki. Mr. Judi, born in Kufa in 1939. is a specialist in copper plate designs. He received a degree in arts from the Higher Academy of Arts in Budapest and was a teacher at the Traditional Handicrafts and Industries Institute in Baghdad.

His partner in the exhibition, Mr. Yasiri, graduated from the Ceramics Department of the Baghdad Fine Arts Institute in 1977, and was then appointed chariman of the Iraqi Ceramics Soceity for a five-year term.

He depicts the past and the present combined in a modern style. One can find a reference in his works to Iraqi traditions.

The exhibition will last for ten days and will be open to the public between 10 a.m. till 7 p.m.

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First things first

THE PROPOSAL of Canada to postpone the convening of a regional conference on water resources till there is a breakthrough in the projected Arab-Israeli peace talks sounds reasonable and appropriate. It would be infinitely more productive to hold such a regional meeting on the issue of water on the foundation of peace and stability rather than on the current basis of animosity and hostility. The suggested new timing for discussing water-related issues would correspond well with His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan's idea to hold a Helsinki-type conference on security and cooperation for the countries of the Middle East as soon as the impending peace parley between Israel and the concerned Arab parties materialises. This way the issue of Israeli participation would cease to be a problem or a stumbling block in the face of getting the countries of the area together for this purpose. Besides any such important regional subjects and concerns would remain devoid of proper bearing without the overall framework of peace in the

At the same time, it is useful nonetheless to indicate as of now, as is the case with the proposal to hold a Helsinki-type conference on energy, disarmament and debt matters in the Middle East that such idea be in the pipeline in order to serve an advanced notice on all the parties to the Arab-Israeli conflict that the sky is the limit as to what peace bring to the peoples of this region.

What remains to be done, however, is to begin the ground ... at an early date for holding the water regional forum on the highest level possible by identifying the issues and examining alternative responses to them. The water resources problems are complex and involve both technical and policy decisions recommendations of the highest order. In-depth studies need to be undertaken as early as possible on the technological and environmental implications of possible solutions that may emerge from any deliberations on this subject. Turkey's grand scheme of piping water from its territory all the way down to the Gul region is promising though ambitious since the implementation of such a long-term project would require great investment in financial, technical and political terms. Perhans a technical conference can be held on the eve of the proposed high-level political conference on the same subject in order to put the debate on it on the right course and without false illusions about what can and what cannot be achieved.

Yet first of all, the peoples and governments of the Middle East need to know now what may lie ahead and appreciate the benefits that would necessarily ensue from attaining a just and durable peace based on international legitimacy and law.

ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES

AL RA'I Arabic daily expressed fear that the United States is planning to stage a fresh aggression against Iraq as the Arab states are preoccupied with the peace process in the Middle East. Should an Amercian aggression occur, it would be an act of terrorism designed to subdue the Arabs before the peace conference gets off the ground and would bring about further frustrations about America's policies in the area, the paper pointed out. It is indeed strange to hear now threats being directed against Iraq at a time when Baghdad is manifesting all cooperation with the U.N. inspection teams, said the paper. The Americans are raising an unjustifiable uproar over Iraq's docments that contain plans for its past activities and are taking steps leading to a new aggression against the Iraqi people in total vilation of international rules, the paper continued. It said that the United States should direct its attention on Israel instead because it realises too well that the Jewish state possesses a vast arsenal of mass destruction weapons that endanger world peace and security. The paper called on the Security Council to instruct its inspection teams to stop their provocation of the Iraqi government so as to avert further trouble in this unstable region.

A guest columnist in Al Ra'l daily said foreign countries are indirectly stealing Arab funds and skilled Arab workers through the immigration process which has been escalated lately in Jordan and other Arab countries. Those, who emigrate to other countries hold capital or skills, both of which are desperately needed in the Arab region to help promote development, said Mazen Hijazi. The writer said that slowly and gradually the Arab World, including Jordan, will be left with only the old, the sick and penniless and uproductive citizens. The writer said that foreign countries accepting emigrants are demanding large sums of money, reaching up to \$500,000 for visas. He said that even those with such vast sums of money are leaving the Arab World simply because they are frustrated with the systems. I do not demand that such migration stop but that equal opportunities and justice prevail and that new systems and new regulations aimed at attaining democracy be enacted so that people keep their money and their skills for the benefit of their own country, the writer added. He said that unless speedy action is taken in this regard, the Arab World is bound to see a depletion of human and

How will the haggling affect Mideast peace hopes?

By Patrick Buchanan

SUNDAY, the president of the States, which is to start running a United States was called a liar, a demagogue and an anti-Semite by a member of the Israeli cabinet, Morris Amitay, a leader of the Israeli lobby in Washington, hinted that Mr. Bush may be summoning forth the demons of

The president's offence: He asked Congress, in the interest of peace, to delay, for four months, \$10 billion in loan guarantees for

When feelings run so deep as to call forth such vituperation of a president who rushed Patriot missiles to Tel Aviv, sent \$4 billion in aid this year, and destroyed Israel's mortal enemy, it is time for an airing of grievances. For this marriage is in deep trouble.

First, it is propaganda to call that \$10 billion "humanitarian aid," which summons up a vision of food, blankets and medicine. The money is for roads, houses, utilities, i.e. infrastructure halfway around the world when our own infrastructure is crumbling. Second, these guarantees make no economic sense for the United

\$400 billion deficit in October, or for Israel, one of the most heavily indebted nations per capita on earth. Standard and Poor's rating of Israel's unsecured debt is Triple B Minus, the market's way of saying the Israelis are over their head, and U.S. guarantors are moving into junk bond territory.

That \$10 billion for 1 million Jewish immigrants factors out to \$40,000 for every family of four arriving in Israel, more than we provide our own immigrants. How can Israel ever repay? Indeed, the probability is high that we Americans will have to make good that enormous sum, plus fees and compound interest over

Nevertheless, says Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, "you Americans are obliged, from a moral point of view, to give Israel Whence comes this moral

obligation?
We acquired it, we are told, when we pressed Leonid Brezh-nev to permit higher emigration of Soviet Jews. But Jackson-

Empire of 1973 thereby incurred a moral obligation to build condos for any who wish to depart Boris Yeltsin's Russia in

Vanik of a generation ago was passed at the behest of Israel

herself. Is it not indicrous to

argue that those who pressed for

release of Soviet Jews from the

Poor Jewish refugees are being held hostage to George Bush's pique over settlements!" is how the case is being framed. But, compare the working-and middle-class Jews flying in to Tel Aviv, with the pathetic people of the West Bank and Gaza whose dreams are dying.

In 44 months of the intifada, 10,000 Palestinian teen-agers and children have been shot and wounded, hundreds killed. Scores of homes have been dynamited and thousands imprisoned without trial.

In last year's massacre on the premises of the Haram Al Sharif, unarmed Palestinians were slaughtered, 140 wounded. Had the men firing the guns been

Arabs, and the victims Jews. would we all have stayed so si-

Does no one recall the clause in the Balfour Declaration where Britain promised a homeland for Jews in Palestine, "it being clearly understood that nothing shall be done which may prejudice civil and religious rights of existing non-Jewish communities in Pales-

Does anyone recall that the 1947 U.N. Partition Plan allowed for a Palestinian and a Jewish state? After the Irgun massacre at Deir Yassin in April 1948, 600,000 terrified Arabs fled the Jewish sector, never to return. With the Arab-Israeli war in 1967, another 200,000 fled into Jordan, only 14,000 to return. Some 1.7 million Palestinians now live on 22 per cent of Palestine. Now, half of the West Bank - and a third of its water - has been confiscated by Housing Minister Ariel Sharon, and Israel has made it a crime to sell or lease land to a

Is this what we had in mind? "For 200 years," writes Dr. Israel Shahak, survivor Bergen-

League of Human and Civil Rights," Jews have been demanding equality in every country in which they happened to live, with the notable exception of Israel. Israel has always based its institu-

non-Jews." This is what stands behind the public anger of Mr. Bush. Israel's settlements policy not only illegal and unjust; it is

tions on the denial of equality to

While a homeland for the Palestinians is no guarantee of enduring peace, killing that dream is a guarantee of permanent war: "Shamir has been trying to create facts on the West Bank that would make a land-forpeace exchange impossible," says editor Michael Lerner of Tikkun. United States give him the money to subvert American policy. What kind of chutzpah is that?" Bush to reach the same conclusion as nearly half the Israeli

Belsen, chairman of the Israeli means eternal enmity and endless war. As for the "transfer" option militant allies of Mr. Sharon and Mr. Shamir speak of - pushing the Arabs off the West Bank into Jordan — that would constitute the same kind of crime as has been done to Jews down through

Having chosen not to make Arabs full citizens, Israel is left three choices: expulsion, which is niust and immoral; absorption, which is impossible given the bloody 44-month uprising; and letting the Palestinians have their own tiny and demilitarised state.

In going public, rather than engaging the Israeli lobby on its preferred turf, the backrooms and corridors of Congress, Mr. Bush did the right thing. Even if Now he is demanding that the his veto of the guarnatees is overriden, he will have won high marks for courage, and exposed Congress for what it has become, Why is it anti-Israel for Mr. a Parliament of Whores, incapable of standing up for U.S. national interests, if the people? Any peace that leaves American Israel Public Affairs millions of Palestinians locked up Committee is on the other end of in a Bantustan on the West Bank the line — Washington Times.

He delivered what amounted

to an angry outsider's stump

Washington Tuesday.

as he once was.

speech to a group of reporters in

Mr. Laughlin, who describes

himself as "a lone, weird voice in

the night," acknowledged he's

not as well-known — for thin —

"When I'm fat like this, no-

Not even Democratic Party

body recognises me," said Mr.

Chairman Ronald H. Brown. Mr.

Laughlin said he ran into Mr.

Brown at an airport this week and

told him: "I'm going to run for

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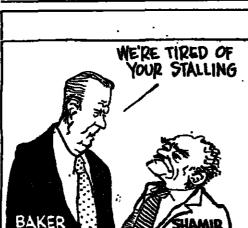
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Democrats send mixed signals

By Jill Lawrence The Associated Press

WASHINGTON -- Four men on the list of possible Democratic presidential candidates are sending out differing signals on whether they will run for the nation's highest office.

Dave McCurdy is stepping back. Jesse Jackson is hopping from state to state. Tom Laughlin is having a hard time getting recognised, even by his party chairman. And Bob Kerrey just

named his campaign manager. Mr. McCurdy, an Oklahoma congressman who got a disappointing reception at last veekend's Democratic National Committee meeting in Los Angeles, is backing off the national stage-at least for now. Mr. McCurdy started testing

the waters for a presidential bid earlier this month and made several campaign-style appearances last week, but now he's sticking close to Capitol Hill.

Mr. McCurdy, who chairs the House Intelligence Committee, made appearances last week in the districts of several House embers who had urged him to seek the Democratic nomination. Mr. Jackson, a past Democra-

tic candidate, is tantalising his fans with a frenetic cross-country schedule only a presidential candidate could love.

Mr. Jackson, who is trying to decide whether to run for president or host a talk show on the all news television network CNN, had a full schedule of events in Los Angeles last weekend.

He spent Sunday in San Francisco and Monday in Illinois and Ohio. On Tuesday, Mr. Jackson was in Maryland. A series of education events in

Virginia were on Mr. Jackson's schedule for Wednesday, followed by a hop into Pennsylva-We are in a phase in which we

are giving running our most serious consideration while at the same time doing substantive work developing our issues," Mr. Jack-Mr. Laughlin, the actor who

"That's just what I need," he said Mr. Brown replied. "He had no idea who I was." Mr. Laughlin said. Mr. Kerrey, senator from Neb-

raska, is set to announce his played the angry outsider Billy Jack in a string of moves in the candidacy on Monday and has called an old friend to head his 1970s, may be just about past the

LETTERS

Drop by drop we save a lot

To the Editor:

One way of contributing to the immediate alleviation of the water their water consumption in a much more economical and efficient

The media — radio, television, the press — all can play a most effective role in enhancing people's awareness in this respect, reminding them daily about the right and wrong ways of using this precious and limited resource.

The UNICEF-sponsored vaccination films shown at regular intervals on Jordan Television are a successful example of how effective media campaign — whether healths, environmental, or

What we need now is a "help save water campaign," Television could produce spots depicting scenes of every day life. For example, most people probably leave their water taps running while brushing their teeth. The alternative to this wasteful method, letting the equivalent of approximately 10 to 15 cups of water literally "go down the drain" would be to fill one cup of water and close the tap. Or consider the usual method of washing one's car. Again, instead of letting water down the street, it should be pointed out that one bucket of water could also do the,

Another example would be to introduce the idea of sewage treatment plants of private housing, thus recycling water, using it for non-drinking purposes such as watering gardens etc. These are only a few examples.

With a sudden increase in population, the issue of using water efficiently has become even more important. In this respect the media can play a very powerful role.

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A question of ear

Under the title "Music and Politics" a letter by Dr. Efteem Azar that appeared in the Jordan Times on Sept. 12. It seems that Dr. Azar is not familiar with the support for fine arts and music always granted in Iraq by the state and by the Baath Party. Otherwise be could not have been so surprised to find a first class ensemble.

It seems as well that Dr. Azar is guilty himself of what he accuses the foreign community in Jordan: politicising music and arts. As almost everyone in Amman should know, there are several reasons for sometimes unsatisfying attendance of classical concerts: it is either too early or too late in the season or there are conflicting cultural events or social receptions. To conclude quickly that the disappointing attendance of the Baghdad Chamber-Ensemble by the foreign community is due to a negative political attitude towards Iraq is hasty and not justified. The final sentence of the letter "that would certainly be better than some of the third rate Western musicians duniped on us in the Third World ..." is disqualifying the author of

The Jordan Times welcomes letters and contributions from its readers on any subject they wish to tackle. Letters intended for publication, however, should contain the writer's full name and preferrably address as well. Names can be withheld only upon request and under special circumstances. Letters are subject to editing. The newspaper is not responsible for the return of unused

The Week in Print

Palestinian decision: A historical one

and columnists gave prominence to the ongoing Palestine National Council (PNC) meetings in Algeria, the Middle East peace process, American threats to Iraq and domestic

All indications point to the fact that the PNC meeting would voice acceptance of the U.S. peace plan which means that the Palestinian leadership had received assurances that prompted it to be , inclined to take such step, said Al Ra'i

Arabic daily. The Palestinian people's choice in this issue is of paramount importance because the Palestine problem lies at the heart of the Arab-Israeli conflict, the paper said. Sawt Al Shaab daily said

that the Palestinian people's acceptance of the U.S. peace plan removes a major obstacle in the path of convening a peace conference. The paper said that Palestine President Yasser Arafat has given further impetus to the U.S. plan by openly deciaring its endorsement with the hope that the Bush administration would force the Israelis to respect the international legitimacy. Mr. Arafat is now placing the world community face to face with its serious responsibility towards peace and security, the paper

A columnist in Sawt Al Shaab criticised the divisions within the Palestine National Council members and called on all members to reach a quick stand vis-a-vis the peace process. It is a healthy sign to show differences of opinion among the various factions, but it is a must that the PNC reach a final vote on the peace

process, said Salameh Ekour. Mohammad Kharroub, who writes for Al Ra'i daily, said that the session in Algiers is the most critical in the life of the Palestinian leadership because it will decide on the future of the Palestinian people in their homeland in a

The writer said that the PLO leadership is facing a dilemma; if it says yes, it would be succumbing to Washington's will; if it says no, it would be like selling out all the previous struggle for liberation of all of

Mousa Al Abdullah, who writes for Al Dustour, sounded more pessimistic when he said that by accepting the U.S. peace plan the PLO leadership risks to be eradicated simply because accepting Israel's terms for autonomy rule means accepting a situation whereby only municipal, communica-tions and health services will be offered to the Arabs in the occupied regions and not total independence or sovereignty

over the land. The writer said that the Palestine National Council should abort the U.S. peace plan and seek a more honouable solution that can bring about genuine peace.

Taher Ai Udwan, who writes for Al Dustour, advised the PNC to study U.S. Secretary of State James Baker's warnings to the Palestinians seriously. The peace chance presenting itself now could not be repeated for a long time to come, he said.

Mohammad Kawash, who writes for Al Dustour, said that George Habash, leader of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, is supported in his views by a great number of Palestinians, but his plan is not feasible under the present

The writer said that in view of the changes world-wide the Palestinians should give some thought to politics rather than the armed struggle and should realise that once the Arab countries have agreed to the U.S. plan the Palestinians would be left out in the dark.

Turning to the Palestine issue Al Dustour daily said that as the world community is moving towards settling the

Israeli conflict, the Israeli government is racing against time to bring in more Jewish settlers and build settlements on Arab

The paper said that such practice and such defiance can only mean that the Israelis are not interested in the U.S. peace plan and not willing to give up Arab land in exchange for peace. The world community is called on to step in and freeze the settlements if the peace process is to be a given

chance for success, he said. Mustafa Abu Libdeh, who writes for Sawt Al Shaab, stressed that Israel's intransigence is viewed in Washington as the real problem facing the Middle East peace process.

The writer said that the

Israeli government had been hoping that the U.S. administration would not stand firm enough in the face of Israel's settlements policy, but it was disillusioned. At the same time, he said, the U.S. Trade Department has just announced that the United States is facing a trade balance deficit of \$5.7 billion and can not go deeper under the red line by offering loan guarantees to Israel, a move which brought another severe blow to the Jewish state.

After Mr. Baker's seventh tour of the region, Israeli De-fence Minister Moshe Arens announced that the Americans were misleading the Arabs by saying that Washington would implement Security Council resolutions once they attended the peace conference, said Mohammad Kawash who

writes in Al Dustour.

The writer said that Mr. Arens does not want the Arabs to accept the U.S. peace plan so that Israel would not be the only party rejecting them. He said that Mr. Arens waited so long before making this announcement because only now he realised that the Bush administration is serious about Iraq, Munes Al Razzaz said that the world community should interfere and put an end to America's threats against Iraq which has been fully cooperating with the U.N. inspection teams. At the same time, he said, the world community should abort President Bush's quest to repel a General Assembly resolution equating Zionism with racism because it can only be interpreted as a reward to the aggressors who continue to hold on to Arab

Salameh Ekour said that the United States can not launch a new aggression against Iraq not because it lacks the power to do so, but because it can not convince the world public opinion of the wisdom behind

The writer said that unlike at the time of the Gulf crisis, the Arab states would not support a new aggression now that Kuwait is no more under Iraqi occupation.

Several columnists tackie the

agricultural situation in the Kingdom in the wake of recent

measures by the government to reduce the amount of water for Fahed Al Fanek said agriculture once served as the backbone of the country's national economy but unfortunately it has been receding due to faulty

policies. The writer said that construction operations and the water shortages have caused the arable and productive lands to shrink although originally they formed no more than eight per cent of the total area of Jordan.

Another columnist in Al Ra'i supported Fanek's idea and said that the expansion of cities and the random construction operations have caused the fragmentation of the agricultural lands. He demanded that the government put an end to this process in order to protect the productive land.



Deviations, ingratitude and the \$10 billion question

By Dr. Bassam Saket

EVER since the establishment of Israel on Palestinian soil in 1948, it has been seen as a small state, democratic and looking for attaining peace with its Arab neighbours. Yet, during the past two decades, there appeared to us in the region, and to observers outside, that as the Arabs move forward towards peace, Israel has been inversely shifting its intentions and hardening its position, to become more intransigent.

Ever since its creation as a political entity, Jordan opted and cherished peace and worked for it. With the moderating influence of His Majesty King Hussein, the Arabs accepted peace and coexistence with Israel despite the antagonising shadow and memory of losing land to Israel in 1948 and 1967.

In the aftermath of 1967 war, Israel claimed that once the Arabs accepted and reconigsed its existence, occupied land could be returned to its rightful Arab owners. Fearing to lose face, pride and dignity, and declining to accept defeat, Arab countries refused to recognise Israel before having her relinguish the spoils of war. Israelis, on the other hand, banked on such state of the Arab mind and continued colonising the occupied territories,

Under the pretext of housing Jewish "refugees" from the Soviet Union, Europe and Ethiopia, Arab lands have been expropri-ated, people harassed and their human rights infringed, measures in complete contrast to Israeli claims of democracy and respect for human rights. The annual State Department report on the status of human rights around the world is the best testimony to such undeterred violations.

To strengthen its grip on occupied Arab lands, Israel claimed those lands as safeguards from possible Arab invasion - whereas military strategists as well as the recent experience of the Gulf war have clearly showed geography to be no longer a source of security for nations; long-range rockets and other weapons can go beyond borders and reach far away targets. Yet, Israeli leaders claim they are more knowledgeable than their close friends and protectors in the U.S. and Europe.

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In their march towards peace and moderation, Arab and Palestinian leaders at summit meetings have shown their acceptance of Israel and asked, in return the implementation of international legality in Palestine. Yet, paradoxically, Israel fears and refuses to accept the resolutions of the United Nations, the very institution that offered Israel the certificate of birth at its early inception on Arab lands.

Once Israel realised that its claims to Arab lands did not stand to security tests and modern warfare experiences, neither did they stand to international legitimacy, it started in motion anothe process of deviation by claiming that Soviet Jews are "refugees" and need lands for settling them. This pretext does not hold water, having the following in mind:

-These Jews are not "refugees" but "immigrants." They were not forcefully kicked out of the Soviet Union. -They have not been given alternative routes and destinations

-They are not ideologically attached to Israel but only people seeking a betterment to their life. Once given freedom of choice, they would seek alternative destinations other than

Currently, in the aftermath of the Gulf war, the U.S. pledged to carry out a peace process to solve the Palestinian-Israeli and the Arab-Israeli disputes. In his March 6, 1991 speech in the U.S. Congress, President George Bush pointed out the region's source of pain, i.e. lands occupied by Israel and its people deprived of their human rights — a source of continued violation of

international legitmacy and conflict in the region. Jordan, together with other Arab states, accepted the U.S. wishes and considered them positive steps particularly as they are coming from America, the benefactor, supporter and protector of Israel. By contrast, the Israeli leadership, realising the serionsness

of the U.S., Europe and Arab countries towards peace and that it would entail relinquishing spoils of war, started a customary Israeli mechanism for deviation and escapism.

The present dispute between the U.S. president and Israel over the \$10 billion loan guarantees, to colonise Arab lands, clearly demonstrates how Israel wants the funds and denies its benefactor any right to question the use of such huge sums. It also shows how

a small country mocks its protector. Israel claims those huge sums are for the private sector in Israel; they are for humanitarian uses on refugees and not for housing on occupied Arab lands. In practical terms and over the past 24 years of Israeli military rule over the occupied Arab lands, U.S. tax payers funds have been generating almost 40 per cent of Israel's national income and also financing the gradual and g annexation of Arab territories. Economists know the ABC of liquid funds' use. Money is fungible. Population is also fungible. If Israel gave promises to its U.S. benefactor that aid would neither be used to expropriate Arab lands nor for settling Soviet Jewish immigrants, experience has shown these promises impractical, fake and deceiving. Only dumb politicians take them at face value. U.S. funds handed over to the Israeli socialist administration can free other Israeli funds for colonising the occupied lands. By the same token promises to limit settling immigrants to areas inside Israel, would not forbid other Israeli settlers moving in the occupied territories - the home of 1.7 million Palestinian Arabs.

Furthermore, it is equally absurd to claim that the \$10 billion is for humanitarian reasons as they have been used for expropriating occupied lands, building military roads, supplementing over 40 per cent of Israel's military spending, injuring and killing Palestinian children and deporting the indigenous people of the occupied territories. How on earth could one believe Israel's claims that these funds are for humanitarian ends? How could this make the U.N. formula of peace for land workable? It will, certainly, subvert it. The "construction" of Israeli colonies on Arab lands is tantamount to "destruction" of both the U.N. and the U.S. values. Crimes that were committed on Jews are surprisingly, committed by the Israelis on Palestinians. How could anyone name the following practices hmanitarian or democratic: deportations, land expropriations, daily shooting of teenagers and Housing Minister Sharon's concept of transferring Palestinians to Jordan away from their ancestors' land? One wonders, within the framework of the new international order, whether the U.S. would continue tolerating, permitting and covering up Israel's violations. One would also wonder whether freezing the Israeli colonisation process and putting on hold the \$10 billion loan guarantee, would fall into what Mr. Baker once called "confidence building measures."

International and Israeli press had reported how the president of the United States is called a liar, a demagogue and an anti-Semite by a member of the Israeli cabinet only because the president and his team intend to delay guaranteeing the loan to Israel, an amount equal to \$40,000 for every household of four immigrants coming to Israel. This is, in fact, a corollary of past U.S. administration's misreading of foreign policy and a sheer ingratitude, on the part of Israel. What makes us deeply concerned is to have seen some U.S. congressmen, the supposedly informed, the supposed guardians of the American revolution, values and heritage, standing at odds with a U.S. president fighting for safeguarding his country's interests and upholding human values and international legality. Not only do they stand at odds with their elected president, they also make the U.S. Congress lose its free will and become hostage to an outside client. We are wondering how a decent ordinary American would react and perceive his country's highest authorities as subservients to a tiny selfish partner?

PNC seen heading towards compromise

(Continued from page 1) U.S. positions.

An overwhelmingly majority of PNC members favoured taking

part in the conference despite strong opposition from hardliners, Mr. Abu Sharif and other delegates said.

Mr. Arafat wants to find a formula that also has the support of the hardliners, who set the U.S. proposals on the conference as a sellout of Palestinian interests, the delegates added.

The hardliners are also reluctant to give the PLO Executive Committee, which Mr. Arafat chairs, a free hand in the complex negotiations likely to take place during preparations for the conference, which is tentatively scheduled for Ocrober.

These points were holding up the end of the parliamentary session, which opened on Monday and was to end on Friday.

Delegates forecast the meeting could last until early on Saturda with the election of a new PLO

If Mr. Arafat fails to win consensus, he would settle for a simple majority vote, delegates

The main opposition comes from the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, led by George Habash, who rejected the argument that the conference is a golden opportunity to slavage some of the Palestinian territory.

The hardline wing of the divided Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, led by Nayef Hawatmeh, is softening its position and could swing to Mr. Arafat's side, PLO sources said.

Mr. Arafat said he had asked King Hassan to approach the American president for clarifications of the U.S. stance on the Palestinian problem.

Mr. Bush's response was that the United States supports "the political rights of the Palestinian people based on international legitmacy," Mr. Arafat said. It was the first time the United States referred to "political rights of the Palestinian people" rather than "legitimate rights of the

He told the council: "This is a courageous stand from Mr.

Baghdad

(Continued from page 1)

strikes to force Iraq to comply with the resolutions.

Quoting unnamed sources in the Bush administration, the newspaper said that in halting major military movements, administration officials had disclosed that preparations for possible new military missions inside Irac and bombing raids had been both advanced and extensive.

A helicopter base was being established in northeastern Saudi Arabia to support any U.N. helicopters searches inside, Iraq, the New York Times said.

It said it was unclear what prompted the Sandi decision not to accept more U.S. warplanes but added that some officials suspected the Sandis were becoming increasingly uneasy with the heavy publicity about U.S. plans to deploy military units in Saudi Arabia.

Although there were signs of an end to the parking lot standoff, a related dispute on U.N. inspectors using helicopters in their task of hunting down Iraq's weapons of mass destruction was proving more difficult to solve.

Mr. Arafat did not mention in other parties and be recongised as the special resolutions on Jeru-his speech newly relaxed Palestia distinct group, the officials said. salem, the illegitimacy of Jewish nian positions, which still must be

PLO's Executive Committee. The decree Mr. Arafat read, which he issued on Nov. 15, 1989, dealt with setting up a "national institution for civil affairs" to issue identity cards and such. The chairman boted that it was his first decree "after I was elected president of the Palestinian re-

PLO officials said the decision to compromise was made after studying assurances from U.S. Secretary of State James Baker including a pledge to work to-wards a Palestinian homeland and to pressure Israel to halt construction of Jewish settle-

ments in the occupied territories.

The officials said PLO leaders decided to support a Jordanian-Palestinian delegation to peace talks that includes Palestinians only from the occupied territories — a key Israeli demand.

The leaders also decided to allow Jordan or another Palestinian group to formally announce the participants, the officials said. Still, it is expected the PLO play a major role in choosing the delegates and setting their negotiation

In exchange for the concessions, the United States has assured the PLO that Palestinians would get equal footing with all

The United States also guaranaccepted by the council and the

teed its backing of Palestinian autonomy in the West Bank and Gaza Strip under a three-year timetable, rather than the fiveyear plan outlined in the 1978 Camp David accords, the sources

The United States has been trying for months to bridge the gap between Israel and the Palestinians over representation at the proposed peace confer-

to participants from Arab East Mr. Bush, when told the PLO

seemed excited by the remarks attributed to him, said there was no departure from previous U.S.

"Maybe they are trying to be helpful. I hope so," he said during a state dinner for the Morroccan monarch Thursday.

An Arafat aide described Mr. Bush's remarks as the first time a U.S. president had referred to the Palestinians as a people since Jimmy Carter left office in January 1981.

A senior PLO political expert said Mr. Bush had also told King Hassan that the conference would convene on the basis of "all U.N. Middle East-related resolutions and not just 242 and 338."

salem, the illegitimacy of Jewish settlements and the right of return or compensation" for expelled Palestinians would be the basis for the conference, he said.

A senior PLO official close to Mr. Arafat said Mr. Bush had given the Palestinians something of what they wanted.

"You have to understand that President Bush has two audiences ... in a way he is giving us something and at the same time does not want to appear before the Israelis as giving us too much."

The senior official said Mr. Baker gave Hanan Ashrawi, a Palestinian representative from the occupied territories, an assurance in Amman last week in writing saying "that Palestinians

"All reference to Palestinians in the first letter of assurances were changed in the Amman meeting to Palestinian people,"

he added He also said King Hassan had told the Palestinians that Mr. Bush had said "things that will

Dr. Habash of the PFLP refused to comment on Mr. Bush's latest remarks. He is strongly

opposed to the U.S. proposals This is the last day of the PNC

(meeting). Let's wait and see the he told Reuters by outcome,"



Soviet president voices concern

think what to do with these missiles," Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Andrei Fyodorov said in a speech to a London think-tank.

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The future of the vast Soviet nuclear forces is one of the principal concerns for the West as the Soviet Union steadily disintegrates and power passes from the centre to the country's constituent republics.

In Thilisi, moderates in the Georgian opposition, battered by a war of nerves with President Gamsakhurdia, have split with militants in the national gnard, saying civil war must be pre-

Parliamentary Deputy Nodar Natadze said Friday the opposi-tion was divided between those relying on the constitution to set

the Soviet republic free from Moscow, and rebel commanders trying to bring about change

rough force.
The national guard does not want to leave here," Mr. Natadze said, speaking at the Toilisi television centre that has become the opposition stronghold.

"I think it would be better for them to take their weapons and move to a camp outside the city." be said. "This would stabilise the situation. But they refuse to

The split in the opposition be-came apparent on Friday when the guards' commander, a sculp-tor turned military boss, said there had been a brutal attack on his base camp outside Tbilisi.

The news spread panic through Tbilisi and thousands more people gathered at Heroes Square

near the television centre. Opposition moderates denied there had been a full-scale attack

and accused Mr. Kitovani of trying to spark an insurrection. Leading moderates, including Mr. Notadze, would prefer to force the calling of a parliamentary session to consider their demands. These include press freedoms, the release of political prisoners and the return home of Gamsakhurdia supporters bussed

in from the provinces.
Soviet Foreign Minister Boris Pankin said Thursday his country needs direct assistance from the United States to survive the win-

"We need help and assistance from the United States as a country in order to survive the winter and to solve all the problems concerning the transition" to a Western-style economy, Mr. Pankin said after a meeting with

Secretary of State James Baker. The Bush administration is providing humanitarian assistance, and the Agriculture Department increased guarantees for commercial bank loans to help the Soviets purchase grain

> But President George Bush has made direct U.S. assistance conditional on the Soviets' revamping their economy. In Tadzhikistan, democratic

forces and Muslim leaders have declared a war of protests, strikes and outside pressure against dichard communists who they say seized the republic in a coup. As chanting crowds grew out-side the parliament building, opposition leaders told a news conference they would not let up until President Rakhman Nabiyev resigned and human rights were assured in the Central





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All Africa Games 'will not help' **Egypt's hopes to stage Olympics**

CARIO (R) - The fifth All what happened before the cere-Africa Games were all but over Friday, with bost Egypt failing in its expensive bid to show the world it was ready to host an Olympic Games.

The athletics competition, showcase of this sporadically staged continental sports festival. ended Thursday with the Nigerians and Kenyans re-asserting their traditional dominance.

The only matter of international significance still to be decided before the closing ceremony Tuesday was which hockey team would represent Africa at the. Olympic Games in Barcelona

Scheduling and procedural mix-ups, a computer system that often took hours to produce resuits, and the absence of six of Africa's seven world athletics champions detracted from the

But the most telling blow to Egypt's dreams of staging the first Olympic Games in Africa in the year 2004 was struck a week ago, minutes before a torch perched atop a replica of a pyramid was lit in a colourful opening ceremony.

Dozens of dignitaries from African Olympic committess and sports federations were caught up in a frightening crush outside the main entrance to Cairo Stadium. Reporters at the scene said they were amazed no one was seriously hurt

"The opening ceremony was one of the best I have seen in my life." International Olympic Committee (IOC) President Juan Antonio Samaranch told reporters the next day. "But maybe work and other cosmetic con-

Cyprus rally begins

concentrate on local drivers.

of 9,000. Bercy can hold 15,000.

IWF admits Baltics, S. Africa

SPORTS NEWS IN BRIEF

NICOSIA (AP) — The Rothmans Cyprus Motor Raily, the last

major event counting towards the European Championship,

started here Friday with a total of 85 starters. But there are no star

foreign drivers among the 13 non-Cypriot entries this year for one

of top 10 rallies counting toward the European Championship. Most of them have just finished up the Australian Rally and the

championship is all but wrapped up. Interest is expected to

U.S.-France Davis Cup final to be in Lyon

PARIS (AP) - The Davis Cup final between France and the

United States will be played in Lyon starting Nov. 29, the French

Tennis Federation announced Thursday. France's biggest indoor

arena, Bercy, is in Paris, but scheduling of other events made it difficult to accommodate the three-day Davis Cup. A late bid by

Paris was turned down, as was an application by Grenoble, site of

the last Davis Cup final between France and the United States in

1982. The United States won in 1982, 4-1. Lyon's Palais Des

Sports Gerland, never before a Davis Cup venue, has a capacity

DONAUESCHINGEN, Germany (AP) - South Africa,

Lithuania. Estonia and Latvia were admitted Thursday into the

International Weightlifting Federation (IWF). The governing

body of the sport also awarded the 1993 World Championships to

Melbourne, Australia. In an attempt to curb doping, which has

tainted the sport, the IWF decided that weightlifters will have to

check into the Olympic village in Barcelona next year five days

before the start of the competition to undergo tests for drugs.

BAYONNE, France (AP) — Defending champion Nathalie Tauziat of France advanced to the quarterfinals Thursday in the

\$150,000 Bayonne Women's Open with a 6-4, 6-3 victory over unseeded Karina Habsudova of Chechoslovakia. Tauziat, the No.

3 seed, led 5-2 in the first set, but Habsudova, the junior U.S.

Open winner in August, won two straight games before Tauziat

finally took the first set. In the second set, Tauzlat was leading 4-1

Czechoslovakia, who topped Kristin Godridge of Australia, 6-0, 6-2. Top-seeded Manula Maleeva Fragniere of Switzerland,

currently ranked No. 10 in the world, eased into the quarterfinals

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play from many combinations, as this hand proves.

After painting an accurate picture of his holding. North could do no

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With only one diamond stopper, it

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reluctant to lead away from the dia-

mond tenace with only a four-card holding. The opening lead of the eight of hearts was covered by the nine and queen taken by the king. Declarer returned the queen of

clubs, and East saw no point to

The critical point of the hand had been reached. Obviously, for the de-fense to prevail East-West had to

collect four diamond tricks in a hur-

ry. However, a diamond shift per se

would not be enough to defeat the contract. On a low diamond, declar-

er would simply cover and the king

would be safe from attack. The jack

of diamonds would be equally inef-fective. Declarer would duck and

West would be compelled to win the next diamond, and the defenders

cannot collect more than three

All competent declarers know the

right card to play from this combi-

nation - the nine. Since South can-

not cover, that will hold the trick East can then continue with the

holding up the ace.

tricks in the suit.

after downing Germany's Claudia Kohde-Kilsch, 6-0, 6-2.

Tauziat reaches Bayonne quarterfinals

mony was not on the same level." IOC . Vice-President Keba

Mbaye saw the chaos ahead of him at the gate and returned to his hotel to watch the ceremony on television. Mr. Samaranch said he had

discussed with President Hosni Mubarak setting up a committee to study the possibility of Egypt hosting the Olympics in 2004 at the earliest.

While diplomatically praising the standard of the facilities, he offered few other encouraging

Lamine Ba. secretary-general of the Supreme Council for Sport in Africa which helped organise these games for the Organisation of African Unity, said Egypt had done great work under trying circumstances but added: Egypt succeeded in what was difficult but failed in what was easy, I mean what happened outside the

Egypt spent an estimated \$250 million on the games, saying it was building for the future. With admission free and limited revenue from television, it was not expecting to get much, if any, of

"It is now time for our African continent to organise an Olympic Games and Egypt is capable of doing so," said Abdul Meneim Amara, Égypt's minister of youth and sports and head of the games organising committee.

But the Gulf war hampered Egypt's efforts to get everything ready on time, with landscaping

struction left undone. Samuel Matete clearly did not "They tried hard, but they feel like performing in an almost needed six or seven months deserted stadium at the end of an more," said a visiting Kuwaiti exhausting season on the Grand sports official. Prix circuit.

Meanwhile sprinter Frankie "Matete, like several Kenyan Fredericks breathed some life runners, feels there is no prestige into the All Africa Games athlein this event and is not going to tics programme rendered almost run if there is no (appearance) money," Kenyan athletics official meaningless by the absence of a host of world champions. Robert Ouko said.

Nigeria finished top of the the 100 and 200 metres after athletics medal standings, edging being persuaded to run for newlyout Kenya by one gold — a independent Namibia by the country's President Sam Nujoma. repeat of the outcome at the last All Africa Games in 1987.

Fatima Yusuf, 1990 world women's 400 metres junior champion, won over the distance here but was pipped on the line in the 200 metres by compatriot Tina

Mary Onyali won the 100 metres as Nigeria's women swept the board in the sprints.

Kenvan men and women dominated in middle and distance events despite the absence of Tokyo gold medallists Billy Konchellah, Yobes Ondieki and Moses Tanni.

Ethiopia took four golds with 19-year-old Fita Bayesa, second behind Ondieki in the 5,000 metres in Tokyo, winning here and forecasting Ethiopia was ready to challenge Kenya's supremacy over longer distances.

But the games' standing among athletes was underlined by Ethiopian marathon gold medallist Tena Negere.

"I'm not so excited about winning here as I know I'm a secondclass man as Ethiopian marathon as Zambia's 400 metres hurdler

Top 4 Jordanian U-19 basketball teams clash Sunday in 2nd stage By Aleen Bannayan Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Al Ahli meets Al Jazira and Al Orthodoxi meets Al Watani Sunday in the opening matches of the second round of the under-19 basketball competition organised by the Jordan Basketball Federation (JBF).

The first four teams out of 10 will play in the second round which will end on Oct. 10 with 12 matches played at Al Abii and Al Orthodoxi club courts.

The first round of the competition, which lasted over a month, ended with Al Orthodoxi leading the team standings followed by all-time rival Al Ahli. Al Jazira came in third and Al Watsni finished fourth. They were respectively followed by Al Jalil, Homestmen, Hussein Irbid, Abbasi, and Catholic clubs.

"It was quite an exiciting competition. There are many excellent young players who are a great asset to basketball in this country," said Issa Ammari, spokesman for the Jordan Basketball Federa-

The JBF has organised many competitions this year. The eskethall season commenced with the women's championships in which four clubs participated. Al Orthodoxi won the cup, Al Ahii came in second, followed by Homestmen in third place and Al. Jazira finished fourth.

Al Orthodoxi won the boys under 17 cun in which nine feams

The second division team competition ended last month with oner Al Abbasi and runner up Homentmen climbing to the first

first division clubs championships will begin on Oct. 17 with eight teams participating. Title holders Al Ahii, who managed to sale of the cup away from Al Orthodoxi after more than a decade of rivalry, will try to hold on to the cup for another year. This year's basketball season will end after the Jordan Cap bampionship due to be held in December.

The JBF hopes to regroup the youths and seniors national teams if the necessary funding is made available to properly train these

If the necessary funding is made available to properly train these teams and hopefully regions the women's team.

According to Mr. Ammari, future activities planned by the JRF include a mini-banket tournament and a women's event to further encourage women's basketball. The translation and printing of the international basketball regulations is currently underway. The regulations will be distributed to clubs, universities and colleges.

"One of the main concerns of the JRF is to expand and further promote basketball in all parts of the kingdom," Mr. Ammari told the Jordan Thues.

the Jordan Thats. "In order to achieve this, a committee has been set up to organise and follow up basketball activities in the north of the country, and hopefully the same will be done in the south." Mr.

"The JBF is keen to promote basketball in the governorates and to that end many matches in the under 19 category, as well as second and first division matches are being held in Irbid and

Tottenham gets a boost ahead

Berger takes provisional pole for Spanish GP BARCELONA (R) — Austrian

Gerhard Berger learned the new Circuit De Catalunya faster than his rivals Friday to claim provisional pole for Sunday's Spanish 'Grand' Prix. Berger, in a McLaren, clocked

Africa's fastest man won both

Other African countries had

less success in talking their

athletes into coming to this purely

amateur event, part of an

Olympic-style continental games.

Kiptanni was the only one of

Africa's seven gold medallists from the recent World Athletics

Championships in Tokyo to run

"Like a soldier" after Kenyan

team officials ordered him to

participate despite a calf injury.

at the number of stay-away stars.

don't want to compete for their

motherlands," said the world 200

"It's a great honour for me to

Predericks' gold in the 100

metres Monday was Namibia's first in international competition

and the country's new-found free-

African world champions such

dom made him a case apart.

metres silver medallist.

Fredericks expressed surprise

"It looks like the majority

Even Kiptanın said he acted

Kenyan steeplechaser Moses

one minute 18.751 seconds in the first qualifying session to edge out Briton Nigel Mansell with only two minutes of the session re-Mansell, in a Williams, had set

the pace with a lap of 1:18.970 on his second run after 47 minutes of the hour-long session at the untried new circuit north-west of Brazilian Ayrton Senna, who

needs only to finish ahead of Mansell Sunday to clinch his third world drivers' title in four years, finished third-quickest in the He shared the second row

the provisional grid with Mansell's Williams team mate Italian Riccardo Patrese.

German Michael Schumacher. in a Benetton, and Frenchman Jean Alesi, in a Ferrari, were fifth and sixth.

The session was run in dry and summy conditions but not high temperatures and on a dusty new track this meant most team's qualifying tyres lasted longer than

Schumacher posted an early fastest lap in 1:21.201 and quickly reduced it to 1:19.974, in the process showing that the Pirelli-Shod teams were likely to be unusually competitive.

His time remained the quickest

until Patrèse eclipsed it on his first run and then Mansell, on his Michael Bartels of Germany, in a Lotus, lost control and went

minutes before Berger produced his extra-fast lap to claim provisional nole. Sema had made a big effort to force his way on to the front row with him but he could not over-

off but was not injured in the final

After the session, Berger said: "The car was fine. I was fighting a lot for the time as I wanted to catch Nigel. Now that the track e rudoer on 14, u more grip than yesterday and it is more enjoyable to drive.

"My engine was strong but I over-revved it on the first run and after that it lost some power, whether because of the over-rev or the heat I am not sure."

Mansell said: "It has been very hard to get motivated today. I haven't slept a lot since last weekend in Estoril and it took me a long time to get going.

of Man. United match

LONDON (R) — Tottenham Hotspur, troubled by injuries ahead of their English League soccer clash with unbeaten leaders Manchester United, were given some good news Friday by don Durie. England captain Lineker, scor-

er of 11 goals in the last seven games, had looked-doubtful for Saturday's top of the table tie in north London after failing a fit- Justin Edinburgh. ness test in midweek. But manager Peter Shreeves

player's injured toe had improved nis prospects.

Newly-signed Scotland interna-tional Durie, whose partnership with Lineker this season has brought Tottenham five wins in seven league matches, was substi-tuted during Tottenham's mid-week League Cup match in Swan-sea after a clash of heads.

"He's been examined by our doctor and says be feels 100 per cent better. I'm certain he'll

But it was not all good news for Spurs, in third place seven points behind United but with two games in hand.

Welsh' international Pat Van strikers Gary Lineker and Gor. Den Hauwe looks doubtful, causing further problems for a defensive line-up weakened by the enforced absence of Terry Fenwick, jailed for various driving offences, and a knee injury to

Manchester United will be without midfielder Neil Webb said specialist treatment on the who has knee ligament damage but a hamstring injury.

Danish goalkeeper Peter

Schmeichel and Soviet striker Andrei Konchelskis will be back from international duties.

Sheffield Wednesday, encouraged by Liverpool's unimpressive 2-2 League Cup drawn in mid-week against third division Stoke, hope to end the Merseysiders unbeaten home record and become the first league winners at

Anfield for six months.

HOROSCOPE

FORECAST FOR SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1991 By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation

GENERAL TENDENCIES: The key word today is "opportunity." You are mentally very alive and have a fine chance to focus in our almost any sign of interest especially whole yesteryear was the focal point.

ARIES: (March 21 to April 19) you can see the ways and means by which you can have much of this worlds goods and

TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) You care be just at personal as you wish now about gaining the good will of those able to help you gain you intimate ambitions so let them know.

GEMENT: (May 21 to June 21) You find that there are a number of private simutions to be taken care of and this day is a good time to look into all phases and factors of them. MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July

21) Acquisitioness you have known for sometime past are ones who are able to give you the support and backing that you need so state your aims to them. LEO: (July 22 to August 21) Get out into the world of outside activity and find out what those who are prominent expect from you and give more than more lip service to some important civic

VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22)
You don't have to wait until later in the week to make plants for some outside activities for you are under excellent aspects now to do so and have maxaspects now => --imum cajoyment.

LIBBA: (September 23 to October 22)

your important and basic obligations are is just right for you now.

SCORPEO: (October 23 to November 21) You now find there are some highly interesting discussions you can have this day with partitles that bring them closer

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SACITTARIUS: (November 22 to Docember 21) You now have it in your power to see just how you can be of greater service to others in the forme and can plan such a course light CAPRICORN: (Decomber 22 to James y 20) This is the moment when you are able to show your true effection for that person who factinates you so forget

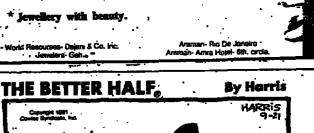
other matters and court your ros AQUARIUS: (January 21 to Pebruary 19) Whatever you have in mind to improve matters at your own house is just right now so rander some special little service to family that they value.

PISCES: (February 20 to March 20)
This is your day to first attend to the studies of your choice and then to be off to see and get information from those

room whom you leave.

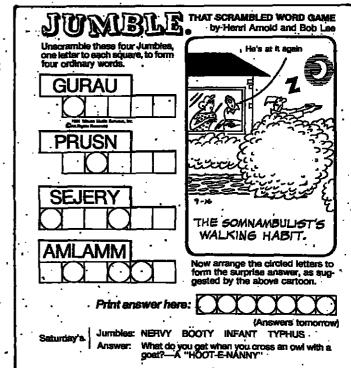
Taday's child: If your child were born today she or he is all too apt to have a somewhat negative streak in them and will always feel that things area't quite right. Cultivating an aminde of optionism and learning to show the best side of themselves will greatly improve their chances for a considerable success that

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THE Daily Crossword by C.F. Murray



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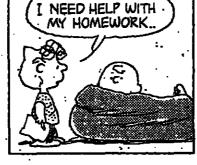
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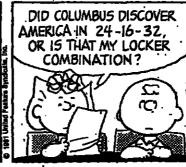
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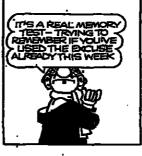




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Swedish Krona	-1118	.1124
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Сигтелсу	Bid	Offer
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Lebanese Lira*	.0770	.0715
Saudi Riyal	.1828	.1837
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Oreani Riyel	1.7200	1.7300
UAE Dirham	-1861	.1874
Greek Drachma*	.3650	-3700
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All-Share	119.32		119.89	
Banking Sector	99,73		100.55	
Insurance Sector	120-84		120.89	
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LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midsession

	•	bullion markets Pric
	1.7290/7300	U.S. dollars
One U.S. dollar	1.1354/59	Canadian dollar
_	1.6848/55	Deutschemarks
. :	1.8980/90	Dutch guilders
	1.4670/80	Swiss francs
	34 <i>.72</i> /76	Belgian francs
. ••	5 <i>.7450</i> /7500	French francs
	1259/1260	Italian lire
	133.80/90	Japanese yen
•	6.1500/50	Swedish crowns
•	6. <i>5</i> 925/75	Norwegian crowns
•	6.4975/5025	Danish crowns
One ounce of gold.	348.80/349.20	U.S. dollars

U.S. envoy calls for cuts in Third World military spending

dor Morris Abram told developing countries Thursday they could help meet their own needs for capital by cutting back on military spending and checking corrup-

In a speech to a meeting of UNCTAD, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Mr. Abram also urged poorer nations to look to market-oriented reform to attract foreign investment and strengthen their economies.

"As to the future, it is axiomatic that sustained growth - for a country or a firm — requires capital, intelligent investment including education, and wisereinvestment of returns," the one-time U.S. human rights

economic reform measures.

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economic reform programme, the Bush adm

Honduran debt

WASHINGTON (AP) - In a show of support for Honduras'

forgave \$431 million of that country's official debt to the United

Speaking at a State Department signing ceremony, Hondman President Rafael Callejas expressed gratitude for the U.S. gesture,

saving it was equivalent to 18 months' income for each Honduran.

Since taking office almost two years ago, Mr. Callejas has moved to put the country on a sounder economic footing through currency

devaluation and reduction of tariff barriers, among other measures.

Latin American countries in return for taking politically risky

Debt relief is one of the incentives President Bush is offering to

According to U.S. estimates, the \$431 million in debt relief

constitutes 15 per cent of Honduras' overall debt and 55 per cent of

Honduras was a close but sometimes reluctant political and military ally of the United States during the upheavals in Central

America during the 1980s. Among other actions, Honduras allowed

the U.S.-backed Nicaraguan Contra rebels to use its territory as a

staging area for attacks against Nicaragua's leftist government.

Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Robert Gelbard said the debt

relief agreement adds a new dimension to U.S.-Honduran relations.

Zealand's central bank has eased is a good chance that underlying

monetary policy saying lower inflation will fall to around two than expected inflation meant in- per cent this year ... into a range

Reserve Bank of New Zealand below the bottom end of indica-

Governor Don Brash, in an tive inflation ranges the bank

land dollar and interest rates further easing in interest rates

tumbling, said inflation was fall- and the exchange rate without

An opinion poll publihsed this target of zero to two per cent week shows the New Zealand inflation by the end of 1993.

larity at its lowest since it took Bank's action could give a muchoffice 11 months ago. Harsh economic policy is blamed.

Bank's action could give a muchneeded boost to New Zealand industry.

Amman Financial Market weekly trading

Sectoral trading:

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announcement that sent the stock outlawed," Mr. Brash said.

New Zealand eases

monetary policy

WELLINGTON (R) — New

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market soaring and the New Zea-

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dollar could afford to fall.

the government's total debt to foreign countries.

come from? We all know the in spare capital, although there may be some cases where shifts from consumption spending to investment are possible," he

"Unnecessary military spending immediately comes to mind. Developing countries as a group spend some five per cent of their national incomes on armed forces flows," he added.

Mr. Abram, the United States' permanent representative to the long been a critic of the management of UNCTAD, established in 1964 to promote world trade

"The bank now believes there

per cent this year ... into a range

of one to 1.5 per cent next year.

Both of these outcomes would be

He said there was room for

Economists said the Reserve

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Western diplomats argue the poorest countries are not awash organisation had over the past 20 years allowed itself to become involved in the East-West ideological struggle which has now ended with the collapse of communist rule

They say that many UNCTAD officials promoted the "socialist" economic policies of the former Soviet Bloc because anti-Western rhetoric from the then communist - some \$160 billion a year - or countries matched their own about three times the level of aid negative view of the developed

Mr. Abram said the changes in eastern Europe together with re-United Nations in Geneva, has forms and a reemergence of market-oriented economic policies in Africa, Latin America and much of Asia meant UNCTAD and especially that of developing needed to change itself.

IFC lends **Morocco** \$21m for cement plant

RABAT (R) - The International Finance Corporation (IFC), a World Bank affiliate, had lent Morocco .120 million French francs (\$21 million) towards a cement plant.

The Pranco-Moroccan plant in the southern port of Safi will have an annual capacity of 660,000 tonnes and cost \$102 million.

Societe des Ciments Français and its Moroccan affiliates hold 60 per cent of the capital. Two state-owned investment banks, the Banque Nationale de Developpement Economique (BNDE) and the Societe National d'Investissement, hold 20 per cent each.

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By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter Another given argument was AMMAN — Means to ease the adverse consequences for Jordanof the enforcement of the international trade embargo on Iraq were not raised during the visit last week of U.S. Secretary of State James Baker, but the Jorda-

formed sources. "The enforcement of the blockade: on Iraq is continuing as normal on the Red Sea, but nothing spectacular has happened in the last 10 days," said one of

the sources.

man government is involved in a

dialogue with American officials

on the issue, according to in-

Shipping sources in Aqaba told the Jordan Times no ship was recently turned away from dockmg at the Red Sea port, but on-board inspection of cargo was continuing, led by American warships patrolling the mouth of the Gulf of Aqaba.

The government has made reneated representations: to the U.S. government to ease the difficulties posed by the enforcers of the blockade who turn away ships they suspect of carrying goods bound for Iraq since mid-August

During his earlier visits, Mr. Baker promised to look into the affair. A set of guidelines were drawn up and agreed by Jordan importers earlier this year, but, according to shipping sources, these guidelines were not fully adhered to.

Various reasons were given for the lapse. Prominent among these was that the State Department had little influence in decisions of the Defence Department, under whose orders the

American warships enforce the

that Jordan should address the bound cargo if the shipping man-United Nations Security Council, which imposed the international embargo on Iraq following the cluding the terms "and Sons" or Aug. 2, 1990 Iraqi invasion of

Contacts continue between

Jordan, U.S. over search

of ships bound for Aqaba

shipping source: "the fact re-include Iraqis as partners and the mains that Jordanian importers goods are destined for Iraq. are paying a high price for the overzealous enforcement of the blockade at the Aqaba."

The blockade appeared to have consignee. been turned stricter since June, when elaborate documents and details were demanded by the enforces to prove that the goods were intended for consumption in

Hundreds of vessels have been turned away from Aqaba since August last year, adding to the troubles of Jordanian importers who had to pay higher insurance and freight costs for tranship-

A standard procedure for most shipping lines — those which have not stopped sailing to Aqaba -- now is to designate the Jordanian port as the last port of discharge — thus making it: easier for on-board physical in-

American navy officers usually conduct the inspection, according at the Jordanian port. to sources in Aqaba. "At least "Not included in the U.S., France, Britain and anti-Iraq coalition) — converge on the commercial vessel which has been ordered to stop," said

one source. "The warships take positions around the target vessel and it is usually the Americans who go aboard while others keep guard,"

The inspectors refuse Agabaifest and related docuemnts indicate the consignee's name as in-"an Partners" or "Trading Agencies," apparently arguing that Whatever the reason, said a companies with such names could

> The naval inspectors also insist that the shipping documents in-clude the full street address of the

In recent days, after an intense campaign by the shipping and clearance sector, Jordanian importers are fulfilling all these

The U.S. embassy here declined comment on the contacts between Jordanian and American officials over the issue.

A report prepared by the shipping sector and submitted to the Ministry of Industry and Trade recently put at \$48.5 million the extra shipping costs incurred by Jordanian importers since the imposition of the blockade at Agaba. The amount only involves the extra freight and insurance costs paid by the importers easier for on-board physical in-spection of cargo and shipping from other ports where the goods were discharged by ships which were turned away from docking

"Not included in the report are four warships - belong to the the production losses suffered by Jordanian manufacturing indus another country (any one of the tries," said an informed source. "The industries had to suspend production awaiting the arrival of raw materials and spare: parts and this has caused considerable losses," he explained.

The report was requested by the Ministry of Industry and

Saudi oil policy seeks poor welfare

NICOSIA (R) — Saudi Arabia says its oil policy seeks to protect developing countries from sudden price rises or taxes imposed by the industrial world.

The Saudi Press Agency (SPA)
Thursday quoted Oil Minister Hisham Nazer as saying King Fahd did not want to see developing countries in Asia and Africa suffer due to an "abrupt rise in oil prices or taxes that could be imposed by industrial countries

on it for one reason or another." Oil ministers of the 13-nation group agreed to pump oil almost flat out for the rest of the year, abandoning individual output quotas to meet expected strong

Sheikh Nazer said Saudi Arabia's action in raising output at pumping arouthe beginning of the Guiff crisis rels per day.

last year to make up for production lost for Iraq and Kuwait had prevented a severe world economic crisis that would have his developing countries hardest.

Saudi Arabia, the world's biggest oil exporter, is currently pumping around 8.4 million bar-

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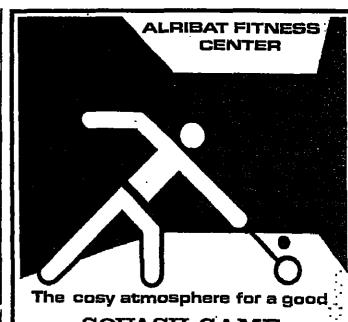
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Despite gunfire, Yugoslav army pullback lifts hopes for peace

ZAGREB (R) — Sporadic shoot- were raised by the resumption of Presidents Franjo Tudjinan of ing erupted overnight in the a European Community peace Yugoslav Republics of Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina but peace hopes were boosted by the federal army's withdrawal from a key Croatian frontline town.

Belgrade television said Croatian forces had launched a "frontal attack" on an army barracks in Vukoar in eastern Croatia Thursday evening, but gave no casualty

Tanjug News Agency reported automatic gunfire in the village of Jasenica in south east Bosnia-Herzegovina, an ethnically mixed area where tensions are running high. It said tracer bullets lit the sky but also mentioned no casual-

Croatian Radio said three children and an old man were killed when rival Serbs fired mortar bombs Thursday at the town of Dreznik-Grad in western Croatia. It reported sporadic mortar fire overnight in Osijek in eastern Croatia.

Hopes of solving the conflict, which began when Serbs in Croatia rebelled against Croatian independence moves in June,

conference on Yugoslavia in the Hague Thursday.

The army's puliback from a besieged barracks in the eastern Croatian town of Vinkovci, after repeated but abortive efforts to relieve it, indicated that the army may no longer feel it can crush the republic's National Guard at

"The army overstretched itself," a diplómat said. "It may have decided to pull out of ex-posed positions in Croatia, like Zagreb and other towns and vil-

Croatia blockaded army bases across its territory in the fighting and says it seized 70 barracks. It says the army must leave the republic as a precondition for

Defence Minister General Veljko Kadijevic said in a television interview Thursday the warring parties knew that a shaky fire which took effect Sunday was Yugoslavia's last chance

for peace.

Gen. Kadijevic said he and

Croatia and Slobodan Milosevic of Serbia agreed at a meeting Wednesday on measures to shore up the ceasefire, lift the blockade of army barracks, and establish

"We will see very quickly if the things we agreed on actually hold in practice," Gen. Kadijevic said. without detailing the measures.

"If this does not happen, all three of us agreed that there would be no conditions for a peaceful solution of the Yugoslav crisis," he added.

The rival forces in Croatia have not yet disengaged and the ceasefire has been severely strained by dozens of violations. Fighting continued Thursday south east of Zagreb, in western Croatia and on the Adriatic coast in southern

Gen. Kadijevic said a United Nations arms embargo Wednesday came too late to prevent civil

'It would have been good if this decision had been taken earlier and implemented. Then we would not have these paramilit-ary formations and civil war in

He was referring to defence forces set up by the republics.

The agreement for the 400-man army garrison to leave Vinkovci came after Gen. Kadijevic's meeting with the Croatian and Serbian presidents.

They met after fierce fighting in Vinkovci earlier this week threatened to destroy the cease-

The army also agreed another partial pullout, from the Mostar region in the volatile Republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina where fears of an explosive ethnic conflict have been growing.

Croatia's Foreign Minister, Zvonímir Separovich, called Thursday for an economic blockade of Serbia and the Yugoslav military as a means of forcing an end to three months of blood-

Speaking to reporters after a meeting with Deputy Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger, Mr. Separovich said he received a "good reply" from Mr. Eagleburger to his suggestion but he did not elaborate further.

Troops clash with Bucharest palace demonstrators

police and anti-terrorist troops used tear gas and firecrackers to disperse a crowd of about 5,000 people who stoned Romanian President Ion Iliescu's palace and shouted for him to resign, eyewitnesses said.

The crowd was made up of local workers organised by trade unions and a small group of coalminers who stayed behind after thousands of their col-

leagues ended an earlier protest. The security forces opened fire with tear gas and deafening firecrackers from behind a two-metrehigh concrete wall at the Cotroceni Palace after protesters hurled stones and bottles, a Reuter correspondent said.

"Assassins, assassins," the demonstrators shouted as they scattered, running down the hill. Women protesters were scream-

ing angrily. A correspondent said he saw a pool of blood near the palace gates but it was not clear immediately who was injured.

The crowd which launched the attack had marched from Bucharest's central Revolution Square to the palace in the west of the city intending to join the miners.

The clashes broke out after the 3,000 miners began leaving the palace for home after secting a pledge from Mr. Iliescu that their grievances over pay and work conditions had been acknowledged and he would visit them in the western Jiu Valley next

Only several hundred miners

were still there when the trouble began, a witness said.

About 8,000 miners came to **Bucharest Wednesday and Thurs**day and led fierce riots, storming Prime Minister Petre Roman's headquarters and forcing him to

The miners were joined during their rampage by many local residents who added Iliescu's resignation to the list of demands.

Meanwhile, Romania's ruling National Salvation Front (NSF) party called Friday for immediate elections, saying Romania faced a political crisis after two days of riots led by coalminers. The front's executive bureau

said in a radio statement the protesters were not representaives of the Romanian people. "We ask the Constituent

Assembly to fulfil its mandate of drafting the constitution as soon as possible, to give the country necessary guarantees for the existence of the state of law," it

"At the same time, the NSF executive bureau unanimously considers it is urgently necessary that a new legislative assembly be constituted through immediate .elections.

Mr. Iliescu earlier met NSF deputy leader Ion Aurel Stoica and leaders of eight opposition parties and asked them to propose a new government formula later in the day.

Leaders of two of the opposition parties called for a coalition government of technocrats capable of organising free and honest elections as soon as possible.

WORLD NEWS IN BRIEF

Gorbachev changes KGB status in Moscow

MOSCOW (AP) - Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev Thursday switched control of the KGB's Moscow branch to Boris Yeltsin's Russian Federation government. The presidential decree was the latest move to strengthen the Russian Republic's power and Mr. Yeltsin's personal authority since he led the forces that defeated last month's hardline coup against Mr. Gorbachev. The KGB security police in the capital had been under control of national authorities. Now it will be under the Russian KGB, and indirectly under Mr. Yeltsin. Mr. Gorbachev's decree, carried by the Soviet News Agency (TASS), said the step would provide for "prompter actions of state security bodies" and their "effective interaction" with municipal and regional authorities.

Pope urges peace in N. ireland

VATICAN CITY (R) - Pope John Paul has condemned all forms of violence in Northern Ireland and said Catholics and Protestants should strive to overcome prejudices and hostility inherited from the past. "I have often referred to the need to overcome the prejudices or hostilities inherited from history in relations between majorities and minorities," the Pope told Britain's new, ambassador to the Vatican, Andrew Eustace Palmer. "Unfortuantely, we see with what obstinacy such attitudes survive the passage of time," he said. In his address to Mr. Palmer at a credentials presentations ceremony the Pope added: "These same thoughts and sentiments express my deep concern and sorrow with regard to the continuing tragedy of Northern Ireland ... The church continues to condemn all acts of violence and intimidation, from whatever source they originate. Peace cannot come from injustice and violence it can only be built on respect for the rights of individuals and peoples and on a shared sense of responsibility for the well-being of the entire population," he said.

Peru rebels kill army general

LIMA. PERU (AP) - Maoist rebels struck a blow against government efforts to control the capital's shantytowns, fatally shooting an army general who ran a programme to hand out food and medicine, the military said Thursday. The general, who was head of Peru's top military hospital, was one of the highest-ranking officers killed in the 11 years since the rebels first took up arms. A spokesman for the joint command, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the rebels shot Gen. Walter Penna Rivas five times in the chest during the Wednesday night killing.

Bonn seeks compromise on abortion laws

BONN (AP) -- Parliament Thursday began the emotion-charged task of trying to reconcile Germany's two widely diverging abortion laws. Lawmakers have offered proposals ranging from allowing penalty-free abortions to a ban on the practice. The issue has splintered roughly along political lines and is further complicated by the different officials abortion policies of west and east Germany, which unified last year. The decision of a unified abortion position was left up to parliament, whose debate Thursday was the formal start of what could be a long process of settling the issue. East Germany's abortion regulations - which permit abortions in the first trimester - are still in effect in that part of the nation. West German law — which restricts abortions in the first 12 weeks to provable cases of need — is still effect in this part of Germany. Politicians are trying to reach a compromise but they appear far from agreement. Uta Wuerfel, a lawmaker with the Free Democrats, junior partner's in Chancellor Helmut Kohl's coalition government, said a pregnant mother alone has the right to decide whether it would be better for her and the child not to give birth.

U.S. Senate backs B-2, SDI

WASHINGTON (R) — The U.S. Senate narrowly rejected efforts to cut President George Bush requests for the B-2 Stealth bomber and anti-missile defence research because of the break up of the Soviet Union. It rejected 51-48 a proposal to halt production of the radar-evading B-2 bomber with the 15 already approved by the U.S. Congress, as the House of Representatives

has voted to do. Later it rejected 59-49 an effort to also follow the House of Representatives in cutting Bush's \$5.2 billion request for Strategic Defence Initiative (SDI) anti-missile defence research to \$3.5 billion. Opponents said the cuts could be made from a \$270 billion defence appropriation bill before the Senate because of the break up of the Soviet Union, and said the savings were needed for future domestic spending.

Rebels kill 28 in Philippines

MANILA (R) - Fresh fighting erupted in the Philippines when nunist rebels killed 26 government soldiers and two civilians in ambushes just days after calling off a unilateral ceasefire, the military said Friday. In their deadliest ambush this year, the guerrillas virtually wiped out an army patrol in the northern Philippines, killing 22 soldiers and wounding six, a military report said. One soldier was reported missing. The number of soldiers killed was the highest in a single clash this year between government troops and the Communist New People's Army, which has been fighting for 22 years to establish a Marxist state, military officials said. Six people, including two civilians, were killed in a rebel ambush on central Negros Island Thursday, second day of a local ceasefire declared by the provincial government. Six people were wounded and taken to hospital.

imelda Marcos postpones return

NEW YORK (R) - Irnelda Marcos postponed her trip Thursday to Honolulu — a trip which she had suggested would be stopover before returning to Manila to face trial on tax evasion charges there. Roger Peyuan, spokesman for the former Philippines first lady, said she had planned to go to Honolulu to hold a memorial mass to mark the second anniversary of the death of her husband, Ferdinand, who died in exile in Hawaii on Sept. 28, 1989. There have been unexpected developments which have not been disclosed to us," he said. "She will not be travelling to Honolulu Thursday." The delay in the trip was announced after Mrs. Marcos, who lives in New York, spent several hours consulting her attorney and close advisers, Mr. Peyuan said.

Pilot: Noriega wanted drug cash

MIAMI (AP) - The prosecution's star witness against Manuel Noriega testified Thursday that the former Panamanian dictator negotiated a tough deal to protect the Medellin cocaine cartel's first drug flights through Panama. Drug pilot-turned-informant Floyd Carlton, a longtime Noriega associate, said that in 1982 Noriega angrily spurned the cartel's initial offer of \$30,000 to \$50,000 per 400-kilogramme cocame load flown into Panama en route to the United States. Meanwhile, U.S. district judge Kenneth Ryskamp Thursday stayed depositions set Saturday for Noriega's wife and two daughters in a suit by the government of Panama charging the family engaged in racketeering with the Bank of Credit and Commerce International. Judge Ryskamp said he would let the depositions be taken on Oct. 4 unless fresh arguments persuade him to intervene. In his testimony, Mr. Carlton said he had passed on the offer to Gen. Noriega after meeting with cartel chieftains Pablo Escobar and Gustavo Gaviria in Medellin, Colombia.

Galileo 'hears' lightning on Venus

PASADENA, California (AP) — The Jupiter-bound Galileo spacecraft has found the best evidence yet that venus has lightning. And unless NASA can fix a stuck antenna, that could be one of the \$1.4 billion mission's biggest discoveries. The study being published Friday in the journal Science didn't reveal whether the lighting is produced by thunderstorms or by ash clouds from yet-undetected volcanic eruptions on Venus. Planets already known to have lightning include Earth, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune. The existence of lightning on Venus has been debated since weaker evidence was detected in 1979 by NASA's pioneer Venus orbiter and the Soviet Venera 11 and 12 landers. Galileo past Venus last year, detecting radio signals produced by six to nine lightning flashes in Venus' sulfuric acid clouds, said the report by University of Iowa physicist Donald A. Gurnett and colleagues in France and California.



Emperor Akihito Akihito

stresses peace pledge in Thailand

BANGKOK (R) — Emperor Akihito, on a peace mission to South East Asia, visited Thailand's War Memorial Friday and repeated assurances that Japan would not revert to militarism. Emperor Akihito, on his first

overseas trip since taking office, laid a wreath and observed a minute's silence in front of the Victory Monument in Bangkok honouring Thailand's war dead.

The emperor, accompanied by Empress Michiko, arrived in Thailand Thursday, their first stop on an 11-day tour that in-cludes visits to Malaysia and Indonesia. Akihito is the first Japanese monarch to visit South East Asia, where memories of apan's brutal military rule up to 1945 are still vivid.

In talks with Thai Prime Minister Anand Panyarachun, Emperor Akihito referred to a pledge he made Thursday that a peaceloving Japan would "never repeat the horrors of that most unfortunate war," a palace aide said.

"The prime minister thanked the emperor for bringing his message of peace ... and the emperor referred to the unfortunate past again," the aide told reporters. Emperor Akihito commented for the first time on Japan's military misdeeds in South East Asia but stopped short of an explicit

apology at a welcoming banquet Thursday hosted by Thailand's King Bhumibo! Adulyadej. Japan's imperial armies advanced through East and South East Asia in the name of Emperor Hirohito, Emperor Akihito's late father. Many Asi bitterly resent that brutal rule.

which resulted in the deaths of millions. In the meeting, Mr. Anand urged Japan to step up economic cooperation and direct investment in Thailand, said Kiyoshi Sumiya, the palace's grand master of ceremonies.

"The prime minister said that Thailand expects Japan to play a leading role (in the region)," Mr. Sumiya said.

Japan, which in World War II forced Thailand to allow its troops free passage during its sweep through the region, is now Bangkok's biggest trading partner and main foreign investor.

Mr. Anand, head of the militaryinstalled government since last February's coup, thanked Emperor Akihito for choosing Thailand for his first foreign visit after ascending the throne on his father's death in January, 1989.

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador

(AP) — Salvadoreans have wel-comed a U.N.-brokered accord

that promises to end nearly 12

vears of civil war. But expressions

were subdued, underscoring a stoicism fostered by the long, brutal conflict, and fighting con-

"I sense in the country a sort of

supressed joy, a joy mixed with

arising from the knowledge that

we're reaching the culmination of

the peace process," said Mons.

Gregorio Rosa Chavez, auxiliary

Roman Catholic Bishop of San

More than 75,000 people —

mostly civilians — have been killed in the fighting between the rebels and a succession of U.S.

backed Salvadorean govern-

President Alfredo Cristiani and

the top commanders of the leftist

guerrilla army Wednesday cap-

ped 10 days of negotiations at

U.N. headquarters in New York

The accord provides for purge

and reduction of the armed

forces, incorporation of insur-

gents into a new police force and

the distribution of idle state-

owned farmland to landless

with a momentous agreement.

incredulity and an anxiousness

tinued.

Salvador.

Dusk-to-dawn curfew imposed on Zaire capital

embattled government of President Mobutu Sese Seko has declared a dusk-to-dawn curfew in Kinshasa and adopted an emergency plan to get provisions to the ransacked capital.

"Famine is threatening," Belgian Foreign Minister Mark Eys-kens said Thursday after four days of military-led notine that ravaged the capital and may have claimed up to 100 lives.

A Belgium-based relief organisation. Doctors Without Borders, said its team in Kinshasa counted 40 dead people in two hospitals Wednesday night. But its Brussels-based spokesman, Dr. Pierre Harze, said the team estimated about 100 people had actually died.

He said that 1,250 to 1,750 people had been injured in rioting Monday and Thesday led by Zairean troops, who took to the streets after not receiving their pay. That led to wider anti-gov-Authorities dispersed several

hundred demonstrators marching on the Belgian embassy "in an extremely violent fashion," injuring several people Thursday, Bel-gian Foreign Minister Mark Eys-

The British Broadcasting Corp. said Mr. Mobutu's troops fired on demonstrators in the capital, but did not report casualties.

France and Belgium, which sent hundreds of troops to Zaire to assist in the evacuation of their citizens, reiterated calls Wednesday for Mr. Mobutu, who has ruled Zaire for 26 years, to move toward multiparty democracy.

French and Belgian troops

have moved into Zaire's heartland as thousands of foreigners fled the central African country with tales of looting and un-Opposition leaders charged

that Mr. Mobute incited the troops to mutiny to provoke intervention by Western forces. Twice in the 1970s, Western troops intervened to keep Mr. Mobutu in power when diss dent Zaireans atacked from Marxist-ruled Angola.

State-run Radio Zaire, monitored in neighbouring Congo, said unrest had spread to Kisangani. 1.200 kilometres northeast of the capital; Kamina, 1,200 kilometres east; Lubumbashi, 1.800 kilometres south east, and Kolwezi, a mining town to the he said.

KINSHASA, Zaire (AP) - The South East where Belgian and French forces arrived Wednesday.

The spread of riots across the nation revived fears of the factional violence in the 1960s after the end of colonial rule. The fighting by breakaway regions left hundreds of thousands of people

On Wednesday, the Belgian government decided to send 500 more troops to Zaire to protect its nationals, joining 500 already there. France now has 900 troops in the nation.

About 280 French and Belgian paratroopers were dispatched to the southern mining city of Kol-

A French military source in Brazzaville said, speaking on con-dition of anonymity, said 2,000 foreigners — most of them French, Belgian, American, Ita-lian or Israeli — had been evacuated from Zaire by late Wednesday. Several hundred others fled south to Zambia, Zimbabwe or South Africa.

"There is nothing left in Kinshasa. All the stores have been pillaged; all the factories burned, all the villas owned by Europeans emptied," said Claude Pousache, one of 241 evacuees who arrived Thursday in Paris.

Some Europeans who escaped the chaos told of killings, rape and looting by Zairean troops

joined by civilians. Gangs of armed Zairean soldiers threatend to shoot or stab foreign families unless they handed over cash after systematically sacking their homes, evacuees from two days of riots in Kinshasa

said Thursday. They came into the house and stole everything. Then they threatened myself, my wife and three children with death three said construction firm manager Richard Slight, who arrived on one of the first evacuation flights to reach Belgium.

"When I say robbed, I mean there's nothing left," Mr. Slight said at the Neder-Over-Heembeek Military Hospital, the reception point for some 658 evacuees so far flown to Belgium. They took my shoes because

they said I might have hidden money in them. They even looked under my wife's dress,"

U.S. may use troops to bar N.Korean nuclear project

SEOUL (R) - The United North Korea would be able to States and other world powers produce enough plutonium to Korea from developing nuclear as early as next year, the official weapons, South Korean Defence said. Minister Lee Jong-Koo said

Friday.
"The will of those countries equipped with nuclear weapons, to prevent North Korea from developing nuclear weapons, is now extremely strong," a par-liamentary official quoted Mr. Lee as telling a National Assembly committee.

"In the worst case like the situation in Iraq, we cannot ignore the possibility that (world powers) may take military actions," Mr. Lee was quoted as Korea.

The official said Lee was refer-George Bush, to Iraq not to interfere with unconditional international inspection of its weapons of mass destruction. Mr. Lee told the committee facilities.

Despite the signed peace pact, the bloodletting continued Thurs-

day. Guerrillas of the Farabundo

Marti National Liberation Front;

or FMLN, attacked army posi-

tions along the main north-south highway 24 kilometres north of

the capital of San Salvador.

Radio reports said three soldiers

and eight rebels were wounded in

factions are adamantly opposed to having the rebels join the new

Some far-rightist and military

The creation of the civilian-

headed force would follow the

dissolution of current militarised

police corps now under the De-

ed fears that recalcitrant element

on the extreme right -both inside

attempt a coup in response to the

and outside — the military might

But the first public response

"The whole Salvadorean peo-

from a member of the army high

ple receives the accord with satis-

faction, especially the members

of the military, we who live the

war 24 hours a day. Perhaps

we're the most satisfied of all."

said Col. Carlos Herrarte, com-

mander of the 5th Army Brigade. City.

command was positive.

Some politicians have express-

Salvadoreans welcome peace accord

the fighting.

police force.

fence Mini

North Korea's nuclear programme, which Pyongyang says is purely for peaceful purposes, has caused serious concern among its neighbours and nations that fear the isolated Stalinist state is close to developing nuclear arms.

While Pyongyang has signed the nuclear nonproliferation treaty, it has refused to allow international inspection of its nuclear facilities and has said the United States should allow inspection of its nuclear weapons in South

The United States as a matter ring to recent warnings by world of policy refuses to confirm or leaders, including U.S. President deny the presence of nuclear of policy refuses to confirm or weapons at a specific site but has said Pyongyang's demand is peripheral to the issue of international inspection of North Korean

the rebels into the new police

joining, there's no problem. Be-cause the FMLN is going to be-

come part of civilised society," he

Fidel Chavez Mena, president

of the centrist Christian Demo-

cratic Party, called the agreement

"a very positive and encouraging

step forward." But he also

warned of "discordant voices that

hope to block or undermine the

The important thing now i

Representatives of both sides

Guerrilla commander Schafik

Handal said the rebels have prop-

osed a truce that could take effect

virtually immediately. Col. Her-

rarte said the army would remain on alert until the fighting stop-

There is consensus that

cessation of hostilities will be

reached by late October.

Another negotiating session is scheduled for Oct. 12 in Mexico

that these accords be im-

agreed an end to the fighting is

near. But just how near remained

negotiating process."

plemented," he said.

a matter of speculation.

"If they meet the conditions for

at home

LOS ANGELES (AP) -- Actress Elizabeth Taylor, ordered to rest after a near-collapse during an appearance this week, was upappearance unis week, was upbeat Thursday and recovering her strength at home, a spokes-woman said. Ms. Taylor, 59, is under doctor's orders to rest in bed following a dizzy spell Tuesday in Houston, the eighth stop on a 10-city tour to promote her new perfume line. Here physician, Dr. Michael Roth, said Ms. Taylor was suffering from exhaustion and dehydration. Her spokeswoman said the actress was in excellent health. "Everybody's really exhausted after the eight-city tour," said Chen Sam, a spokeswoman for Ms. Taylor. "I talked to her this morning and she's feeling much better." The ill spell came less than two weeks before Ms. Taylor's Oct. 6 wedding to construction worker Larry Fortensky. It will be the Hollywood glamour queen's eighth marriage. Miss Taylor met the 39-year-old Fortensky during drug abuse treatment at the Betty Ford Clinic in Rancho Mirage,

LONDON (R) — A British hospital fired the chief porter at its mortuary after he lobbed a severed head at a workmate. "It was a dreadful trick to play" said a trade union official at South Tyneside District Hospital in northeast England. The victim of the prank was lured to the mortathe nead of a man who had been

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Diana ends visit to Pakistan

ISLAMABAD (R) — Britain's Princess Diana left Pakistan for home Friday having impressed many Pakistanis with her commitment to helping society's poorest and neediest. "We know that she is not just a figurehead princess." She takes a genuine interest," said Mira Phailbus, the principal of a Lahore Women's College the princess visited. The 30-year-old princess, wife of the heir to the British throne, was determined to show she was a working member of the royal family during visits to centres helping the disabled and drug addicts, British sources said. With her two boys horn more than two years apart, she was hailed by Pakistan's population control chief as the model mother. "We are going to prepare posters with the slogan Princess Diana only has two children' in the hope that more women will join the family palnning programme," said Mahbub Ahmad. Pakistan has one of the highest birth rates in the world but efforts to promote birth control and proper spacing of children are hampered by cultural barriers and opposition from some Islamic leaders.

Number of U.S. poor rises to 13.5% of population

WASHINGTON (R) — The number of poor Americans increased in 1990 with more than 13 out of every 100 living in poverty, U.S. statisticians have reported. The 13.5 per cent poverty rate, the Commerce Department said, was higher than during the 1970s when the poverty rate dropped to 11.1 per cent of the population in 1973. Officials said that the number of people in poverty increased to 33.6 million in 1990 from 31.5 million in 1989 and most of those under the poverty line — 66.5 per cent — were white. The United States has about 249 million people. In 1989, 12.8 out of every 100 people, 12.8 per cent, were poor. Half of the U.S. poor are either children or elderly. A single person making less than \$6,652 annually would be considered poor. For a family of four, the poverty threshold is \$13,359. The department also released figures showing household income dropped for the first time since 1982, with the median household income at \$29,943 - a decline of \$525 from 1989. That means half of all households had cash income of more than \$29,943 while half had less. It was the first drop in household income since the end of the last major recession in 1982. The number of poor blacks did not change much between 1989 and 1990, but remained very high with 31.9 per cent of all blacks falling under the poverty lines. More than 28 per cent of Hispanics were poor.

Liz Taylor resting

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California, in November 1988.

Morgue porter throws severed head at workmate

ary and thrown a bag. When he caught and opened it he found killed in a train accident.